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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON APRIL 27, 2010, BEGINS ON PAGE 145.]**

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. IF I COULD
7 GET EVERYONE'S ATTENTION. IS IT ON? CAN YOU HEAR ME? THIS
8 MORNING OUR INVOCATION IS GOING TO BE LED BY SUPERVISOR DON
9 KNABE. OUR PLEDGE THIS AFTERNOON WILL BE LED BY LARRY HORNER,
10 WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JEWISH WAR
11 VETERANS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

12
13 **SUP. KNABE:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN AN ATTITUDE OF PRAYER. OH MOST
14 KIND AND GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU ONCE
15 AGAIN TO THANK YOU, TO THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BOUNTIFUL
16 BLESSINGS THAT YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON EACH OF US. AND WITH
17 THOSE BLESSINGS, LORD, WE KNOW WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY. AND AS
18 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, AS WE DELIBERATE TODAY, WE JUST ASK FOR
19 YOUR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION, FOR PEACE AND JOY AND TO DO THE
20 RIGHT THING, NOT THE POLITICAL THING BUT THE RIGHT THING,
21 LORD. WE JUST ASK THAT YOU LOOK OUT OVER THESE 10 MILLION PLUS
22 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT WE REPRESENT, BE
23 WITH THEM, PROTECT THEM. WE ALSO WITH A GRATEFUL HEART THANK
24 THE MANY THOUSANDS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE JOB THAT THEY
25 DO EACH AND EVERY DAY ON BEHALF OF OUR CITIZENS, AND



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1 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN NEED. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MANY
2 PROMISES AND WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION.
3 AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID AMEN.

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5 **LARRY HORNER:** WOULD YOU PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND PLACE YOUR
6 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND FACE THE AMERICAN FLAG AND
7 PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] PLEASE BE SEATED.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
13 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY AN OLD FRIEND, LARRY HORNER. LARRY
14 IS REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS, POST NO. 603 FROM THE
15 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. LARRY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
16 FROM 1951 TO '53 AS AN ADJUTANT GENERAL IN THE ADJUTANT
17 GENERAL CORPS IN THE KOREAN WAR. HE'S A RETIRED AEROSPACE
18 EXECUTIVE AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN, MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN.
19 HAS LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS. A GRADUATE OF INDIANA
20 UNIVERSITY IN INDIANAPOLIS WITH A BACHELOR'S AND A MASTER'S
21 DEGREE, AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE SAN
22 FERNANDO VALLEY. AND, LARRY, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE
23 PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
6 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
9 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH
12 6. AND WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON
13 PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 7
14 THROUGH 16. ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
15 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE ARE
16 REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
17 NO. 10, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
18 THIS ITEM, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA ALSO ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE.
19 ON ITEM NO. 11, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
20 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH WILL ALSO VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS
23 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S
3 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR,
6 ITEMS 17 THROUGH 24. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND I'M
8 SORRY, ON PAGE 15, ITEM NO. 24, AS INDICATED ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 11TH,
11 2010. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
12 BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 25, WE WILL HOLD
19 FOR A DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 16, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
20 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
21 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 26-A?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY
24 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 26-B?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 26-C, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 26-D?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ITEMS 26-E THROUGH 26-H?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, AGAIN, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
20 DISTRICT NO. 1.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A CONSUL GENERAL.
23 WELCOME, SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS
24 MORNING TO WELCOME THE HONORABLE ABDULLAH AIMAQUE, THE NEW
25 CONSUL GENERAL OF AFGHANISTAN HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE



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1 PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
2 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DEPARTMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF
3 FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE EARNED DEGREES IN LAW AND POLITICAL
4 SCIENCE FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND HE STUDIED
5 WITH A FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT KEMP UNIVERSITY. ALSO
6 STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CHINA IN
7 BEIJING AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AS WELL. SO WE ARE
8 PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU, SIR. WE WANT TO HAND YOU THIS PLAQUE
9 THAT HOPEFULLY YOU WILL PUT -- AND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE
10 VERY PROUD TO HAVE YOU HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND PLEASE CALL ON
11 US IF WE CAN EVER BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO YOU. WELCOME.
12 [APPLAUSE.] I INVITE YOU TO SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US, IF YOU
13 WOULD. AND I WILL HOLD THAT FOR YOU.

14

15 **HONORABLE ABDULLA AIMAQUE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HERE YOU GO.

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19 **HONORABLE ABDULLA AIMAQUE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN, FOR YOUR
20 KIND WORDS ABOUT ME. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
21 YOU VERY HONORABLE GUESTS. YOUR EXCELLENCY, BOARD OF ADVISORS
22 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THEIR GUESTS. I'M TRULY HONORED TO BE
23 HERE TODAY. AND THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT INTRODUCTION. NEARLY
24 NINE YEARS SINCE THE FALL OF THE TALIBAN AND AL-QAEDA NETWORKS
25 IN 2001, AFGHANISTAN HAS MADE SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS IN VARIOUS



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1 AREAS. BRINGING AFGHANISTAN AMONG RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE
2 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, GIVING AFGHANISTAN MORE BASIC RIGHTS
3 THAN BEFORE, THESE INCLUDE FREEDOM OF PRESS, SPEECH AND
4 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. 6-1/2 MILLION BOYS AND GIRLS ARE
5 ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS. FIVE MILLION AFGHANS HAVE GONE BACK TO
6 THEIR HOMELAND. HUNDREDS OF HOSPITALS AND THOUSANDS OF
7 KILOMETERS OF ROADS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED. THESE ACHIEVEMENTS
8 WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES
9 AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS, AS WELL AS THE DETERMINATION
10 OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE FOR DEFEATING TERRORISM AND REALIZING A
11 BETTER FUTURE. TODAY WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT
12 WE STILL FACE DAUNTING CHALLENGES. TERRORISTS WANT TO TAKE
13 AFGHANISTAN BACK TO THE DAYS OF TYRANNY. DEFEATING TERRORISM
14 NEEDS MORE FOCUS ON SANCTUARIES, SHELTERS AND SAFE HAVENS IN
15 THE REGION. TO DEFEAT TERRORISTS, FUNDAMENTALISTS, AND AL-
16 QAEDA NETWORKS, WE REQUIRE ENHANCEMENT IN THE REGIONAL
17 COOPERATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL, AS WELL. A FEW MONTHS AGO,
18 PRESIDENT KARZAI PROPOSED A STRATEGY OF NATIONAL PEACE
19 BUILDING. THIS STRATEGY IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING LASTING,
20 SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND THE STABILITY TO WITHIN THREE TO FIVE
21 YEARS. THROUGH AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL OWNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP
22 BY EMPOWERING AND ENGAGING AFGHANISTAN THEMSELVES. THIS
23 STRATEGY OF NATIONAL PEACE BUILDING IS SUPPORTED BY UNITED
24 STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT
25 IN COMPLETING OUR TASK, CHALLENGES REMAIN. YET WE ALL HAVE A



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1 COMMON TASK IN DEFEATING TERRORISM AND ACHIEVING AFGHANISTAN'S
2 STABILITY, WHICH IS RELATED TO THE STABILITY OF OUR REGION AND
3 GROUP. I'M CONTENT AND PLEASED TO WORK WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 OF PROTOCOL AND CONTINUE COOPERATION ON MUTUAL INTEREST OF
5 BOTH COUNTRIES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO COMPLYING WITH THE VIENNA
6 1963 CONVENTION, ALSO UNITED STATES REGULATIONS AFGHAN'S LAW.
7 WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE AND OTHER
8 RELATED DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER CONSULATES. ONCE
9 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND DO
10 APPRECIATE THIS AWARD AND MANY THANKS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **HONORABLE ABDULLA AIMAQUE:** EXCUSE ME. WHEN I CAME FROM
15 AFGHANISTAN, I BROUGHT A CARPET. IT IS HAND CRAFT. IT'S MADE
16 OF SILK AND SHEEP WOOL. IT'S VERY UNIQUE. WE PRESENT IT AS A
17 GIFT OF PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO
18 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** TODAY WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE CHILD
21 ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. THROUGH THAT, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
22 EFFORTS OF ICAN. I'M GOING TO HAVE DEANNE TILTON AND HER BOARD
23 MEMBERS JOIN US. JOINING US THIS MORNING IS THE EXECUTIVE
24 DIRECTOR OF ICAN, DEANNE TILTON, AND ICAN BOARD MEMBERS,
25 BEVERLY KURTZ, IS THAT CORRECT? BEVERLY KURTZ, WHO COORDINATES



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1 THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST AS
2 WELL AS OUR CONTEST WINNERS. I GUESS AS THE CHAIR, I GUESS
3 IT'S STANDARD PRACTICE THAT THE CHAIR MAKES THESE DECISIONS. I
4 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THESE POSTERS. AND,
5 FIRST OF ALL, I HAD TO SAY THAT THE TALENT THAT WAS THERE WAS
6 AMAZING. BUT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PART WAS THE MESSAGING OF
7 EACH OF THESE BEAUTIFUL POSTERS. AND YOU HAD TO JUDGE THEM.
8 AND IT WAS SUCH A TOUGH DECISION BECAUSE THEY WERE JUST ALL
9 VERY, VERY SPECIAL AND SO VERY UNIQUE. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR
10 THAT OPPORTUNITY, IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE. BUT I WANT TO
11 PRESENT A SCROLL, FIRST OF ALL, TO DEANNE TILTON. DEANNE HAS
12 BEEN DOING THIS WORK -- I WANT TO SAY DECADES. IT'S NOT FAIR
13 TO SAY, BUT IT IS TRUE. ICAN'S MISSION IS TO BRING PUBLIC
14 FOCUS TO THE TRAGEDY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT THAT WE HAVE.
15 THE COUNTY'S 12 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCILS INCREASE
16 AWARENESS AND BRING TOGETHER THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS PRIVATE
17 ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP FAMILIES BEFORE ABUSE OCCURS. ALSO, THE
18 COUNTY-WIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE FACILITATES COMPREHENSIVE
19 COMMUNITY SERVICES IN OUR SAFE SURRENDER INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS
20 SAVED THE LIVES OF OVER 76 NEWBORN CHILDREN. SO WE'RE VERY
21 PROUD OF THAT WORK. AND DURING THIS MONTH, IT IS VERY
22 APPROPRIATE THAT WE PRESENT DEANNE TILTON WITH A CERTIFICATE
23 AGAIN FOR HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. IN THAT ROLE.
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] DEANNE, DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A
25 FEW WORDS OF THE GREAT WORK YOU DO?



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2 **DEANNE TILTON:** THE GREAT WORK OTHERS DO. I'M SO HONORED TO

3 RECEIVE THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL'S CHAIR, SHERIFF

4 LEE BACA. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA IN PARTICULAR THIS

5 YEAR BECAUSE NOT ONLY WAS SHE A JUDGE BUT SHE IS ALSO CHAIR OF

6 THE FIRST FIVE L.A. COMMISSION. AND I REMEMBER YEARS AGO WHEN

7 WE WERE TRYING VERY HARD TO INITIATE A CHILD ABUSE INITIATIVE

8 THROUGH FIRST FIVE, AND IT WAS THROUGH HER TERM AND TENURE

9 THAT WE WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO INITIATE A \$50 MILLION CHILD

10 ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE REALIZE

11 HOW STRONGLY SHE SUPPORTED THAT AND HOW STRONGLY SHE HAS

12 SUPPORTED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, HEALTH CARE, ET CETERA. I

13 ALSO WANTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAD OUR 77TH SAFE SURRENDER

14 LAST WEEK. AND SO THIS IS A MILESTONE FOR US. AND MANY THANKS

15 TO THE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. IT

16 WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT HIM. EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD

17 HAS A LOT TO BE PROUD OF. WE ARE RELEASING OUR MAJOR REPORTS

18 DAY AFTER TOMORROW TO THE MEDIA. OVER 500 PAGES OF INFORMATION

19 ON THE STATE OF CHILD ABUSE IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING

20 PREVENTABLE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES AS WELL AS SAFE

21 SURRENDER. I THOUGHT THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SHOULD KNOW

22 THAT WE HAD THE LOWEST NUMBER OF DROWNINGS OF CHILDREN IN THIS

23 REPORT SINCE WE BEGAN COLLECTING DATA. AND IF YOU RECALL, WE

24 FOUGHT LONG AND HARD FOR THE ORDINANCES FOR POOL FENCING AND

25 YOU WERE THE LEADER OF THAT EFFORT. AND WE ONLY HAD SEVEN TOO



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1 MANY, BUT SEVEN VERSUS FORTY CHILDREN DROWNING IN BACKYARD
2 POOLS. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD FOR THAT ANNOUNCEMENT. AND AS I
3 SAID BEFORE, EACH ONE OF THESE SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN
4 OUTSTANDING. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN HELPING US FOR SO
5 LONG WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND BRINGING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
6 SUPPORT. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, PETS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO
7 KIDS. AND YOU CAN'T SEPARATE THE LOVE OF PETS FROM THE LOVE OF
8 CHILDREN. AND SO I WANT TO THANK HIM, AS WELL. OUR NEWEST
9 SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, HAS LAUNCHED -- HAS JUMPED
10 INTO THE INCREDIBLE EFFORT TO SAVE CHILDREN'S LIVES. AND WHAT
11 I KNOW ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE HAS APPEARED BEFORE US, EVEN
12 BEFORE HE WAS SUPERVISOR, TO SPEAK TO THE GRIEF AND LOSS THAT
13 CHILDREN SUFFER THAT WE DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN THEY LOSE A
14 FRIEND, A FAMILY MEMBER, A PARENT, A BROTHER OR SISTER, HOW
15 PAINFUL THAT IS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOURSELF
16 OUT THERE PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR THAT. OKAY. WELL I
17 WANT TO THANK EDIE SHULMAN, MY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WHO IS IN
18 THE AUDIENCE, FOR BEING THERE IN MY PLACE SO MANY TIMES AND
19 WOULD BE HERE RIGHT NOW EXCEPT SHE HAD TO LUG SO MANY REPORTS
20 SHE CAN'T MAKE IT UP HERE RIGHT NOW, SHE'S CATCHING HER
21 BREATH. SHE'S GREAT. MONICA MCCOY, WHO COORDINATES 12 CHILD
22 ABUSE COUNCILS, THE REST OF MY STAFF, THE MEMBERS OF THE
23 COUNCILS, AND OF COURSE THE CHILDREN WHO MAKE THIS SO
24 IMPORTANT. THIS ANNUAL POSTER ART CONTEST IS AMAZING IN TERMS
25 OF WHAT IT DOES FOR THE OVERALL EFFORT TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE.



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1 BECAUSE CHILDREN, THOUSANDS OF THEM IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THIS
2 COUNTY THINK ABOUT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, THEY EXPRESS
3 THEMSELVES THROUGH ART. AND IF ANYBODY EVER DOESN'T BELIEVE
4 THAT CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY THE LOSS OR PAIN AND SUFFERING
5 OF OTHER CHILDREN, THEN THEY CAN LOOK AT THESE POSTERS AND SEE
6 HOW DEEPLY THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS. SO I WANT TO THANK BEVERLY
7 KURTZ IN PARTICULAR, ALL THE CHILDREN. BEVERLY KURTZ IN
8 PARTICULAR BECAUSE THIS POSTER ART CONTEST ISN'T A FLY-BY-
9 NIGHT PROJECT. FOR 25 YEARS THIS HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING. AND
10 BEVERLY HAS BEEN AT THE HELM. AND SHE GOES TO ALL THE SCHOOLS.
11 SHE GOES TO ALL OF THE JUDGES. SHE GOES THROUGH EVERY POSTER.
12 AND SHE IS TOTALLY SELFLESS AND HAS A HEART AS BIG AS THIS
13 ROOM. SO I AM REALLY THRILLED TO INTRODUCE THE CHAIR OF THE
14 ICAN CHILDREN'S POSTER ART CONTEST TO ANNOUNCE WE WILL BE
15 RELEASING OUR REPORTS THURSDAY. SO YOU'LL SEE A WHOLE LOT MORE
16 INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD ABUSE. BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, WE'RE
17 CELEBRATING THAT 77TH SAFE SURRENDER AND THE DECREASE IN
18 DROWNINGS AND THE SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE ATTENTION
19 TO CHILDREN'S GRIEF AND LOSS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA. BEVERLY KURTZ?

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22 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** THANK YOU, DEANNE. [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE VERY
23 EXCITED TO BE HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING
24 CELEBRATING THE 25TH YEAR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ICAN, ICAN
25 ASSOCIATES CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH POSTER CONTEST. AND WE



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1 ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT THAT THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS HAS GIVEN US THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE TIME. IT'S
3 COUNTY-WIDE, FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES. SINCE WE'VE BEEN
4 KEEPING TRACK OF IT, 19,000 BUDDING ARTISTS HAVE PARTICIPATED.
5 THIS YEAR WE HAD 50 SCHOOLS WITH ALMOST 1,000 STUDENTS SUBMIT
6 POSTERS. AND SIX OF THE 10 WINNERS ARE HERE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE
7 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND THANK THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. IT'S COUNTY-WIDE, AS I SAID. AND THE WINNERS COME
9 EVERYWHERE FROM WEST COVINA AND SAN GABRIEL TO NORTHRIDGE, LOS
10 ANGELES, COMMERCE, REDONDO BEACH, AND HERMOSA BEACH. AND WE
11 HAD SUBMISSIONS FROM LOTS OF OTHER CITIES AND PLACES AROUND
12 THE COUNTY, AS WELL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE -- YES. I
13 WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE STUDENTS, THE WINNERS. THE GRAND
14 PRIZE WINNER, OLGA GUSEVA, FROM GARDEN STREET ELEMENTARY
15 SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.] AND SHE SUBMITTED TWO POSTERS. HOLD UP
16 YOUR POSTER. AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR HER SECOND
17 POSTER: ARGUING AFFECTS ME. AND MY FACE SAYS IT ALL HAS
18 WONDERFUL WRITINGS IN IT. ONE EYE SAYS I. THE OTHER SAYS YOU.
19 AND IT SAYS LOVE ME. TALK TO ME. KISS ME. KEEP ME SAFE AND
20 WARM. ALL POSITIVE KINDS OF THINGS OF RAISING A CHILD. OUR
21 OTHER -- AND OLGA IS FROM GARDENER STREET SCHOOL IN LOS
22 ANGELES. AND THEN FROM CASTLE BAY LANE WE HAVE ASHLEY PAK AND
23 EUGENE PARK. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE HAVE FROM JEFFERSON
24 ELEMENTARY, LINDSAY DREWIT? [APPLAUSE.] AND ROSEWOOD PARK
25 SCHOOL, CASSANDRA AVILA. [APPLAUSE.] SO HOLD UP YOUR POSTERS.



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1 THESE ARE 10 OF ALMOST 1,000 KIDS THAT PARTICIPATED. AND ART
2 IS A FORM OF COMMUNICATION. THEIR POSTERS SEND MESSAGES AND
3 HAVE POWERFUL GRAPHIC IMPACT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS
6 WELL AS BEVERLY KURTZ FOR HER GREAT COORDINATION?
7 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU'VE BEEN IN ICAN FOR
8 25 YEARS?

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10 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** OH, I'VE BEEN ON ICAN FOR LONGER THAN 25 YEARS.
11 I'VE BEEN CHAIR OF THE POSTER CONTEST FOR THAT LONG.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY, FOR THAT AMOUNT. WELL GOOD JOB.

14

15 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** THIS IS BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. IF WE COULD DO ONE GROUP
18 PHOTO. THANK YOU. LET'S GET EVERYBODY UP, YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD
19 UP YOUR POSTERS AGAIN. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYONE.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. PART OF MY JOB AS A CHAIR, IN 1986,
23 THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ADOPTED THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
24 PROGRAM ACT, WHICH ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
25 LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT PROGRAMS AS AN



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1 ALTERNATIVE TO FORMAL COURT PROCEEDINGS. SOON AFTER, LOS
2 ANGELES FORMALLY APPROVED THESE PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDES
3 RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH ALTERNATIVES TO A
4 FORMAL COURT SYSTEM. THIS WEEK WE WANT TO REMIND AND ENCOURAGE
5 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, WHEREVER FEASIBLE, TO UTILIZE THE
6 MEDIATION PROCESS TO RESOLVE MANY PUBLIC DISPUTES. AND TODAY
7 WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SEVERAL OF OUR OUTSTANDING DISPUTE
8 RESOLUTION CENTERS. WE ARE FIRST RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY AND
9 SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR, CYNTHIA BANKS, WHO OVERSEES THE
10 COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER. I'M GOING TO GIVE HER THE
11 SCROLL THAT IS RECOGNIZING MEDIATION WEEK. SO IF YOU'D COME UP
12 AND JOIN US. I'M GOING TO HAVE HER SHARE A FEW WORDS AS SOON
13 AS I PRESENT ALL THE SCROLLS. DO YOU WANT ME TO DO THIS NOW?
14 THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO PRESENT ALL THE SCROLLS, THEN I WANT
15 YOU TO COME UP AND SHARE A FEW WORDS. ALL RIGHT. LET ME
16 CONTINUE WITH THESE PRESENTATIONS. OUR FIRST OUTSTANDING ADULT
17 VOLUNTEER AWARD GOES TO VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR, NICKY TOTE WITH
18 THE SUPERIOR COURT'S ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM.
19 AND ACCEPTING AWARD IS JULIE BRONSON ON BEHALF OF NICKY. IS
20 SHE WORKING?

21

22 **JULIA BRONSON:** SHE'S MEDIATING.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SHE'S MEDIATING, AS SHE SHOULD BE DOING.

25 THANK YOU. GREAT. JOIN ME ALSO IN CONGRATULATING THE OTHER



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1 OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENT, WHICH IS MEDIATOR
2 PHILLIP THOMAS WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S DISPUTE
3 RESOLUTION PROGRAM. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PHILLIP WORKS
4 AND DOES THIS AS A VOLUNTEER.

5

6 **JULIE BRONSON:** HE DOES.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
9 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. THE OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD
10 RECIPIENT IS THE INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES.
11 WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES, AGAIN, CITY ATTORNEY'S DISPUTE
12 RESOLUTION PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING THEIR AWARD IS WELFORD WILMS,
13 IS THAT CORRECT? CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]
14 AND THE OUTSTANDING CASE AWARD GOES TO THE FAMILY BUSINESS AND
15 LICENSE DISPUTE CASE, WHICH IS CONDUCTED BY THE LOS ANGELES
16 CITY ATTORNEY'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM, AS WELL. AND
17 ACCEPTING THIS AWARD IS THEIR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, AVIS
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF SHE WANTS TO COME UP AND JOIN US. THANKS
19 AGAIN. THIS IS FOR YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. AND FINALLY,
20 ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO JOIN US TODAY, IS SANDRA CERVANTES. SHE IS
21 THE OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD WINNER. SHE IS AN INGLEWOOD HIGH
22 SCHOOL PEER MEDIATOR, AND THE PROGRAM IS COORDINATED BY THE
23 CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES. AND SHE'S GOING TO GET HER AWARD, AS
24 WELL. BUT I WANT TO HAVE MISS BANKS COME UP AND JOIN US AND
25 SHARE A FEW WORDS. WE IN THE COUNTY ARE VERY PROUD OF THIS



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1 PROGRAM. IT GOES A LONG WAY. I KNOW IT PROVIDES A HELPING HAND
2 TO SO MANY RESIDENTS. WE'RE PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE CITY
3 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOES, AS WELL. BUT IF YOU WOULD SHARE A FEW
4 WORDS ABOUT THIS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU, BOARD. WE
7 REALLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD TAKING TIME EACH YEAR TO HONOR
8 THIS PROGRAM. THIS YEAR OVER 49,000 RESIDENTS WERE HELPED BY
9 THIS PROGRAM. OVER 6,600 MATTERS WERE RESOLVED. TODAY IS A DAY
10 TO HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES THAT HELPED US PROVIDE
11 THOSE NONVIOLENT, -- I'M SORRY, TO HELP US PROVIDE THE
12 SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'D
13 LIKE TO ASK ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD AND SAY A
14 FEW WORDS, AS WELL.

15

16 **BUZZ WILMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S QUITE AN HONOR. MY NAME
17 IS BUZZ WILMS, I'M ON THE FACULTY AT U.C.L.A., AND IN 1988
18 AVIS RIDLEY-THOMAS TRAINED ME AS A MEDIATOR. AND I WAS STRUCK
19 BY HER IDEA TO HAVE A MEDIATOR ON EVERY BLOCK, THOUGHT WHAT A
20 WONDERFUL IDEA. SO JUST A FEW YEARS LATER, I ASKED AVIS TO
21 JOIN ME AT U.C.L.A. TO START TEACHING. SO WE'VE BEEN TEACHING
22 A COURSE FOR SEVEN YEARS NOW. WE HAVE OVER 200 GRADUATES OF
23 U.C.L.A. STUDENTS WHO GO OUT TO THE SCHOOLS TO LEARN HOW TO
24 MEDIATE DISPUTES, BUT THEN ALSO STAY IN THE SCHOOLS AND HELP
25 THEM DEVELOP THEIR OWN PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS. SO LAST YEAR,



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1 WE DECIDED IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO MAYBE CREATE AN INSTITUTE FOR
2 NONVIOLENCE OUT OF THIS, FOR WHICH WE NOW HAVE SUPPORT FROM
3 THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE COLLINS
4 FOUNDATION, PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A.P.D., THE TEACHERS' UNION
5 AND IT'S GROWING. WE'RE REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES
6 BECAUSE WE'RE JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET. WE'VE TRAINED 200
7 STUDENTS AND WE'VE TOUCHED MAYBE A THOUSAND LIVES, 2,000 LIVES
8 OF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS; BUT WE FIGURED IF WE COULD GET THE
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DO THE SAME THING, THEN WE CAN REALLY
10 HAVE AN IMPACT COLLECTIVELY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL OF YOU
11 FOR THIS HONOR. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN THANKING THE
14 OUTSTANDING WORK OF THIS WONDERFUL GROUP, THEY REALLY DO AN
15 OUTSTANDING JOB. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.
16 CONGRATULATIONS. MAY WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH EVERYBODY?
17 CONGRATULATING THIS GROUP. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IT WOULDN'T BE
20 APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE
21 THE FACT THAT THE VOLUNTEER -- YEAH, YOU COULD DESCRIBE IT AS
22 THE BETTER HALF TRAINED A PROFESSOR, A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
23 AT U.C.L.A. NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT I DON'T RESIDE IN AN
24 ECUMENICAL HOUSEHOLD. THE EXTENT OF WHAT I WOULD SAY MR.
25 YAROSLAVSKY IS, FIGHT ON.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE EXTENT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THAT WOULDN'T QUITE BE CONSISTENT WITH
5 MEDIATION, SO THEREFORE WE JUST STAY WITH THIS PROGRAM. THEY
6 OUGHT TO DESERVE ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE (APPLAUSE.)

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL I HAVE A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE
9 COMING UP TO JOIN ME. I'LL ASK THEM TO STEP OVER IF THEY
10 COULD. ALL RIGHT. I BET YOU ALL DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS GROUP IS,
11 OKAY? THERE'S QUITE A FEW OF THEM. THEY'RE COMING UP. YOU WILL
12 HAVE TO MOVE IN FRONT OF SOME OF THE OTHERS. THERE WE GO. ALL
13 RIGHT. WITH THEM, THEY ARE CARRYING PADDLES. THIS IS -- AND
14 LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO TEAM D.P.W. CAPE DRAGON BOAT TEAM.
15 THESE ARE CHAMPIONS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT HERE. SO JOINING US
16 TODAY IS TEAM CAPTAIN NATHAN SALAZAR, WHO IS THE CAPE
17 PRESIDENT, MARK MCNEAL AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AS WELL
18 AS OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GAIL FARBER. SHE'S IN HERE
19 SOMEWHERE. [LAUGHTER.] THE TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2006 AND IS
20 COMPRISED OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE
21 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, AS WE ALL
22 KNOW AS CAPE. THEY COMPETE IN DRAGON BOAT RACES AGAINST TEAMS
23 AROUND THE NATION AND AROUND THE WORLD IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL
24 AGENCIES, COLLEGES, CLUBS AS WELL AS PRIVATE COMPANIES. THIS
25 FUN ENTERPRISE PROMOTES TEAMWORK AND EMBRACES CULTURAL



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1 DIVERSITY. AND WE WANT TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS GREAT
2 TEAM. THEY RECENTLY WON THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOUSTON,
3 TEXAS AND SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BY
4 WINNING GOLD AT THE LONG BEACH INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT
5 FESTIVAL -- CONGRATULATIONS -- IN ADDITION TO THEIR MANY OTHER
6 GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS OVER THE YEARS. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD TO
7 HAVE THEM. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM
8 FOR REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY IN SUCH A CHAMPIONSHIP FASHION.
9 WHAT A GOOD JOB. AND OF COURSE THEY DO THIS ON THEIR FREE
10 TIME, RIGHT? BUT THEY REPRESENT THE COUNTY AND WE'RE VERY
11 PROUD. SO TO THE TEAM AND THE CAPTAIN, WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF
12 YOU. I MUST TELL YOU THAT I'VE DONE THIS. AND THIS IS A LOT OF
13 HARD WORK. YOU HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY STRONG. WHEN I WAS
14 YOUNGER I DID IT. [LAUGHTER.] AND WE ALMOST WON. BUT WE QUITE
15 DIDN'T. MY TEAM CONTINUES, THE MOLINA TEAM CONTINUES TO BATTLE
16 AT THESE DRAGON BOAT RACES, AND WE DO PRETTY GOOD. BUT THERE'S
17 NOTHING LIKE THE CHAMPIONS THAT I'M LOOKING AT HERE.
18 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
19 I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO NATHAN. HE'S GOING TO SHARE A FEW
20 WORDS ABOUT THE TEAM AND THEIR PADDLES.

21

22 **NATHAN SALAZAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'D JUST LIKE TO
23 THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR THIS HONOR AS WELL AS THE REST OF
24 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. OUR C.E.O., MR. FUJIOKA, OUR
25 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, GAIL FARBER, WHO ONCE CALLED US THE



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1 AMBASSADORS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE CAPE UNION FOR SUPPORTING
2 US SINCE OUR INCEPTION IN 2006, AND OUR SUPERVISORS AT WORK
3 WHO HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR QUEST. JUST A FEW WORDS.
4 LAST YEAR WE OPENED OUR DOORS THROUGH EXPOSURES LIKE THIS TO
5 OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE NOW HAVE MEMBERS FROM DEPARTMENT OF
6 HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, CHILDREN AND
7 FAMILY SERVICES, AND LAST YEAR WE WERE ALSO JOINED BY ONE
8 MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS MARY HERMEDO. AND SO
9 I INVITE ALL THE REST OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN US, AS
10 WELL. AND WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU BUILD YOUR TEAM AND CREATE
11 CHAMPIONS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND A LAST FEW
12 WORDS, MY TEAM, PADDLES UP! INHALE! EXHALE! EXHALE! EXHALE!
13 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR
16 PRESENTATIONS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I NEED YOUR
19 ATTENTION. AND I WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON JOSIE ALVA RAMIREZ, WHO
20 WILL BE RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY OF
21 LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.] JOSIE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE
22 LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOS ANGELES. SHE ATTENDED THE
23 SCHOOLS HERE, SPECIFICALLY AT SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC
24 CHURCH THROUGHOUT HER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND THEN AFTER
25 GRADUATING FROM SACRED HEART, SHE BEGAN HER PROFESSIONAL



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1 CAREER AT OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE FIRM HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
2 SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHE RELOCATED TO SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE SHE
3 CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE FIRM UNTIL SHE RETURNED TO LOS
4 ANGELES IN 1969. SHE THEN STARTED HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY
5 OF LOS ANGELES, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
6 1971. SHE BEGAN AS AN EMPLOYEE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AND
7 UPON THE ELECTION OF BAXTER WARD IN 1974 TO THE FIFTH
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, SHE JOINED THAT ADMINISTRATION. AND
9 THEN AFTER SERVING WITH SUPERVISOR WARD, SHE BEGAN WITH THE
10 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT UNDER SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN
11 STARTING IN 1980. SHE BEGAN THAT WORK AND HAS BEEN A
12 TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE BOARD FOR THE PAST 38 YEARS WORKING
13 PRIMARILY ON THE AREA OF PRESS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND
14 COMMUNICATING WITH CONSTITUENTS AND SETTING THE STANDARD FOR
15 WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY, RESPECTFUL AND HELPING
16 PEOPLE WHO NEED THE BENEFIT OF OUR WORK HERE AT THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. SHE HAS USED HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE BOARD TO
18 PROVIDE SUPPORT AND INSIGHT THROUGHOUT THE TIME THAT SHE'S
19 BEEN IN THIS POSITION. AND THROUGH HER EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF
20 BOARD OPERATIONS, JOSIE HAS AIDED FOUR SUPERVISORS FOR NEARLY
21 FOUR DECADES, SERVING IN A VARIETY OF ROLES. AND WE
22 ACKNOWLEDGE HER TODAY FOR DEDICATED SERVICE FOR 38 YEARS AS A
23 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY SERVING FOR THAT LENGTH OF TIME ON
24 THE EIGHTH FLOOR. SO, JOSIE, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AND WE THANK
25 YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF MY



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1 COLLEAGUES WHO PRECEDED ME AND ON BEHALF OF YOUR COWORKERS,
2 MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE, TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU. LADIES AND
3 GENTLEMEN, JOSIE RAMIREZ. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **JOSIE RAMIREZ:** SUPERVISOR, I AM SO HONORED THAT YOU CHOSE --
6 OKAY, HERE WE GO. THAT YOU CHOSE TO HONOR ME BEFORE THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS TODAY. I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
8 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YAROSLAVSKY, KNABE, ANTONOVICH,
9 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. THE COUNTY'S BEEN MY HOME AWAY FROM
10 HOME FOR 38 YEARS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT CHAPTER IN
11 MY LIFE, SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY, MY OLD FRIENDS AND
12 MAKING PLANS FOR MY NEXT TRIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MELISSA, WHO
16 IS JOSIE'S DAUGHTER, JACOB AND SOPHIA AND BOB. GIVE THEM ALL A
17 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE THERE. YES. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. WE'RE
18 GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE. SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, YOUR
19 PRESENTATIONS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
22 RECOGNIZE 75 YEARS OF GREAT MUSIC, 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
23 LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. WITH ME TODAY IS THE BOARD
24 PRESIDENT, ROGER GOULETTE, AND ALONG WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
25 ROBERT JONES AND DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, RICK BARRY. SO THE



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1 LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WAS FOUNDED IN 1935. IT
2 CURRENTLY RANKS SIXTH AMONG PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA IN THE
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SIGNATURE
4 CLASSIC SERIES PRESENTS SIX CONCERTS EACH SEASON. AND THE
5 SYMPHONY POPS, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL, I WOULD
6 ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO GO TO ANY OF THESE EVENTS, OFFERS FOUR
7 CONCERTS OF LIGHTER ENTERTAINMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE SYMPHONY
8 HONORS ITS STRONG COMMITMENT TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF YOUNG
9 PEOPLE THROUGH INCREDIBLE MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IN WHICH
10 OVER 50,000 STUDENTS ANNUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE SYMPHONY
11 CONCERTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, ENSEMBLES IN SCHOOLS AND THE HIGH
12 SCHOOL SIDE BY SIDE PROGRAM. THE LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
13 HAS BROUGHT INNOVATIVE AWARD WINNING MUSIC EDUCATION AND
14 OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO THE GREATER LONG BEACH COMMUNITY THAT
15 BEGAN IN 1984 AND CONTINUES THROUGH TODAY AND MANY MORE YEARS
16 AHEAD. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, AND MY COLLEAGUES, THE 10
17 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
18 THE GREAT CITY OF LONG BEACH, IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE
19 THE LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 75 YEARS OF GREAT MUSIC,
20 AND WISH YOU MANY, MANY MORE. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **ROGER GOULETTE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M ROGER GOULETTE. I'M
23 THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONG
24 BEACH SYMPHONY. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
25 LONG BEACH SYMPHONY, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING US. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF
2 DOING GOOD WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR 75 YEARS AND WE LOOK
3 FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS TO COME. WE WOULD WELCOME ANYBODY
4 TO COME TO LONG BEACH TO LISTEN TO OUR FANTASTIC SYMPHONY. I'D
5 LIKE TO TURN IT OVER FOR A FEW WORDS BY BOB JONES, OUR
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

7

8 **ROBERT JONES:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO SHARE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
9 THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING US IN
10 THIS WONDERFUL WAY. AND ALSO DRAW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR
11 SUPERVISOR, DON KNABE. IT'S A RARE THING WHEN A COMMUNITY, AND
12 PARTICULARLY WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY AN ARTS COMMUNITY HAS AN
13 ADVOCATE AND A LEADERSHIP POSITION THE WAY WE HAVE IN
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE. HE HAS PERSONALLY USHERED FUNDS OUR WAY AND
15 HELPED US RAISE FUNDS. THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT YOU HEARD
16 ABOUT ARE LARGELY SUPPORTED BY HIM AND HIS OFFICE. AND THE
17 LATEST FUND-RAISER THAT WE HELD, WHICH HE GENEROUSLY CO-
18 CHAIRED, EXCEEDED LAST YEAR'S ATTENDANCE BY 35 PERCENT. SO WE
19 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP, DON, PERSONALLY. JUST A
20 VERY FEW QUICK WORDS ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA ITSELF. THIS IS 83
21 TENURED AUDITIONED MUSICIANS FROM ALL OVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
22 AMONG THE FINEST MUSICIANS IN THE WORLD PLAYING IN YOUR
23 STUDIOS AND YOUR OTHER ORCHESTRAS, WHO COME TOGETHER TO PLAY
24 BOTH CLASSICAL MUSIC AND POPS UNDER DISTINGUISHED
25 INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTORS. ENRIQUE ARTURO DIEMECKE, OUR



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1 MAESTRO, OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, BORN OF GERMAN PARENTS IN MEXICO
2 CITY AND RAISED THERE, IS ALSO THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE
3 TEATRO DE COLON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN BUENOS AIRES AND GUEST
4 CONDUCTS WORLDWIDE. OUR POPS CONDUCTOR, STEVEN REINEKE, IS
5 ALSO THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK CITY POPS. THESE
6 PEOPLE ARE AT THE TOP OF THE PROFESSION AND OUR COMMUNITY IS
7 BLESSED TO HAVE THEM AMONG THEM AS REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS. AND
8 THANK YOU, ONCE AGAIN. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO RICK
9 BARRY, OUR DIRECTOR OF MARKETING.

10

11 **RICK BARRY:** THANK YOU, BOB. THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
12 INVITE YOU SPECIFICALLY ON MAY 8TH TO OUR FINAL POPS CONCERT
13 OF THE YEAR. IT'LL BE FEATURING SINGERS AND DANCERS FROM
14 ANOTHER LONG BEACH ARTS GROUP, MUSICAL THEATER WEST. AND IF
15 YOU HAVEN'T BEEN, YOU GOT TO COME CHECK IT OUT. COME DOWN,
16 BRING YOUR PICNIC DINNER, COME TO THE LONG BEACH ARENA, AND
17 ENJOY A FABULOUS EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY AND CLASSICAL MUSIC.
18 ALSO, WE'RE CONCLUDING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC SEASON ON
19 JUNE 5TH AT THE LONG BEACH TERRACE THEATER. WE'VE BEEN
20 PRESENTING ALL NINE OF BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONIES THROUGHOUT THIS
21 SEASON. AND WE'RE GOING TO CONCLUDE WITH BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY
22 NO. 4 AND 5. SO I HOPE YOU CAN COME DOWN FOR THAT. GOOGLE US,
23 LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, AND YOU CAN SEE OUR SCHEDULE
24 FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
25 [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP
5 MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEAN LOGAN, WHO IS OUR
6 REGISTRAR-RECORDER. AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY JANE ARIANO,
7 CAESAR BALTIMORE AND MARY ESTHER JOHNSON, ROLAND LIONS, U.S.
8 CITIZENSHIP IMMIGRATION SERVICES, FRANK GALVAN OF THE U.S.
9 DISTRICT COURTS AND JAN GUY, WHO IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE
10 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COUNTY EMPLOYEE, FREDDIE GUY. TODAY WE
11 HIGHLIGHT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER,
12 THEIR STAFF, THE U.S. DISTRICT COURTS, THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP
13 AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF HOMELAND
14 SECURITY, WHO HAVE FORMED A PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE NEW
15 CITIZEN VOTER REGISTRATION OF BIMONTHLY CITIZENSHIP
16 NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES THAT ARE HELD AT THE QUIET CANON,
17 THE POMONA FAIRPLEX AND THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER. WHAT WE
18 HAVE HERE IN 2004, FRANK OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURTS AND MARY
19 ESTHER JOHNSON, WHO IS THE FORMER U.S. IMMIGRATION AND
20 NATURALIZATION SERVICES AND OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND STAFF
21 SHARED THE COMMON VISION OF HELPING NEW CITIZENS EXERCISE
22 THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE BY DEVELOPING THE NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION
23 OUTREACH PROGRAM. THIS PROVIDES THE VOTER REGISTRATION AND
24 ELECTION INFORMATION MATERIALS AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND
25 ASSISTS THE NEW CITIZENS IN ACCURATELY COMPLETING REGISTRATION



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1 APPLICATIONS BY PROVIDING ALSO ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEW CITIZENS,
2 WHOSE PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS NOT ALWAYS ENGLISH AND MANY OTHERS
3 WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS, THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND MILITARY
4 SERVICE MEMBERS. SO AS A RESULT, THIS HAS HELPED REDUCE THE
5 COST TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDERS BY ASSOCIATING THEM WITH
6 PROCESSING AND VERIFYING INCOMPLETE FORMS AND ENSURING SUCCESS
7 NOW FOR EACH NEW CITIZEN TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE IN A
8 TIMELY MANNER. SO WE WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR
9 INNOVATIONS AND COOPERATION TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO OUR NEW
10 CITIZENS AND ALSO TO HELP THE COUNTY AS WE PERFORM THE
11 NECESSARY REGISTRATION AND RECORDING OF THE APPLICATIONS TO
12 VOTE IN OUR ELECTIONS. SO AT THIS TIME, LET ME ASK MR. LOGAN?

13

14 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD. IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU RECOGNIZE THIS
16 PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND U.S.
17 IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF
18 IMPACT THAT YOU CAN HAVE IN A PARTNERSHIP IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
19 AND IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM AS BRINGING NEW CITIZENS THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BE REGISTERED VOTERS. SINCE 2002, THIS
21 PARTNERSHIP HAS ASSISTED OVER 746,000 NEW CITIZENS TO BECOME
22 REGISTERED VOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD
23 OF THAT PARTNERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING IT INTO
24 FUTURE YEARS. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE MR.



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1 GALVAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND ALSO MISS AVIANO.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **FRANK GALVAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANK GALVAN. I'M THE
5 MANAGER OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT'S JURY AND NATURALIZATION
6 SECTION. I'VE HELD THIS POSITION FOR 29 YEARS, AND I THINK IT
7 WAS IN 1984 OR SO THAT TOGETHER WITH THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE,
8 THE DISTRICT COURT GOT TOGETHER AND DECIDED TO RESOLVE A
9 SITUATION THAT WE HAD WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE
10 DEMOCRATS WHO WERE KIND OF FIGHTING OVER OUR NEW CITIZENS. IN
11 ORDER TO PREVENT THAT, WE INVITED THE L.A. COUNTY REGISTRAR OF
12 VOTERS, A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION, TO COME IN AND ASSIST US.
13 AND IT WAS A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED BECAUSE
14 WE NATURALIZED PEOPLE, IMMIGRATION GOT THEIR CEREMONIES
15 CONDUCTED, AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WELL SECONDARY, THE NEW
16 CITIZENS WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FEEL LIKE THEY WERE
17 PART OF THE UNITED STATES BY GIVING THEM AUTOMATIC OPPORTUNITY
18 TO REGISTER AND VOTE. ALL THESE THREE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
19 COMPETING GOALS. THE COURT'S IS TO CONDUCT THE CEREMONY WHERE
20 THESE PEOPLE CAN BECOME U.S. CITIZENS, ONE OF THE HAPPIEST
21 EVENTS IN THEIR LIVES. IMMIGRATION'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO
22 CONDUCT ALL THE TESTS, PROCESS THE PAPERWORK AND THEN SEE
23 THESE PEOPLE THROUGH OBTAINING THEIR CITIZENSHIP. AND THE
24 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, THEY PROVIDE THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 REGISTER TO VOTE. THREE DIFFERENT GOALS. WE WERE ABLE TO COME



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1 TOGETHER, WORK AS A TEAM AND NATURALIZE THESE PEOPLE, ALLOW
2 THEM TO REGISTER AND HELP IMMIGRATION CONDUCT THESE
3 CEREMONIES. I THANK MY DIRECT SUPERVISOR, MR. ALLEN ABERSMAN,
4 FOR GIVING US THAT OPPORTUNITY, THE CLERK OF COURT, TERRY
5 NIFISE FOR CONTINUING THIS. AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WE
6 COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT THE JUDGES AND THE MAGISTRATE
7 JUDGES WHO GO TO VARIOUS PLACES TO CONDUCT THESE CEREMONIES.
8 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BESTOWING
9 THIS SCROLL TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **JANE ARIANO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JANE ARIANO, DISTRICT
13 DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT 23 OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
14 SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
15 HONORING DISTRICT 23 AND OUR EFFORTS TO DO AS MANY
16 NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, KEEPING OUR
17 WAITING TIME AT AROUND FIVE MONTHS FROM THE TIME WE ACCEPT AN
18 APPLICATION TO THE TIME WE TAKE THE APPLICANT TO THE OATH-
19 TAKING CEREMONY WHERE THE JUDGES ARE ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF
20 ALLEGIANCE. A SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK GALVAN. IN THE ENTIRE
21 TIME I'VE BEEN WITH CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES,
22 WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER VERY CLOSELY. AND, AGAIN, AS HE
23 MENTIONED, THIS CANNOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT COOPERATION BETWEEN
24 TWO HUGE ENTITIES, THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND THE U.S.
25 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. AND THEN WE JOINED IN



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1 WITH THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDERS FOR THE VOTER
2 REGISTRATION EFFORTS. AND WE'RE SO PROUD AND HAPPY TO BE WITH
3 PAT SANDERS AND HER WONDERFUL TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.
4 AND SO AS FRANK SAID, THESE CEREMONIES ARE REALLY AWESOME AND
5 REALLY GIVE THE PATRIOTIC FEEL TO WHAT IT IS, MEANS TO BECOME
6 A CITIZEN. SO THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
7 RECOGNIZING ALL OF US. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THE
8 CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **JAN GUY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS AND TO ALL THE FAMILY, OUR FRIENDS, FOR MY FATHER,
12 MR. FREDDIE GUY. THANK YOU DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO SAY HOW MUCH
13 HE APPRECIATES EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE. HE TRULY LOVED
14 WORKING WITH AND FOR ALL OF YOU. YOU WERE HIS SECOND FAMILY
15 AND HIS SECOND HOME. WE APPRECIATE IT SO VERY MUCH. I LOVED
16 HIM DEARLY. AND WHEN WE'RE SPEAKING, IT'S TRULY HIM SPEAKING
17 THROUGH US. MY DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOME WONDERFUL
18 THINGS AS WELL.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OUR FAMILY JUST WANTS TO REACH OUT AND THANK EVERYONE
21 FOR ALL YOUR APPRECIATION, ALL OF MY GRANDFATHER'S FELLOW
22 PEOPLE THAT HE WORKED WITH, THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH FOR
23 EVERYTHING. IF MY GRANDFATHER WERE HERE, HE WOULD JUST WANT
24 YOU GUYS TO KNOW THAT HE WOULD SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
25 THANK YOU FOR THINKING ABOUT ME. THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT



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1 ME. AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DID FOR HIM. YOU
2 SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, BUT HE'S GLAD YOU DID. THANK YOU.
3 [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A DOG WITHOUT PAPERS. LITTLE
8 CHIHUAHUA MIX, LITTLE TOBY. TWO YEARS OLD LOOKING FOR A LITTLE
9 HOME. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE TOBY? YOU CAN COME
10 OVER HERE. OR THOSE WATCHING AT HOME YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644
11 FOR LITTLE TOBY. TOBY HAS A FEW FRIENDS. AND HE'S VERY QUIET.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT WE CAN DO IS WE CAN BEGIN
15 WITH OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GET THOSE OUT OF THE WAY. LET'S
16 BEGIN WITH ITEM NO -- IS IT NO. 1?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF I COULD SWEAR EVERYBODY IN ON ITEMS 1
19 THROUGH 6. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,
20 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. AGAIN
21 ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE
22 THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE
23 WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK
24 YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS A HEARING TO
25 EXERCISE OPTION AND AUTHORIZE CONSUMMATION OF THE PURCHASE OF



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1 LAND WITH A TWO-STORY OFFICE BUILDING AND 349 SURFACE PARKING
2 SPACES LOCATED AT 5050 COMMERCE DRIVE, BALDWIN PARK, IN THE
3 AMOUNT OF \$7,500,000 PLUS TITLE AND ESCROW FEES OF
4 APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 FROM W.M.R.P. DELAWARE HOLDINGS, L.L.C.,
5 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
6 STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MR. SACHS THAT WISHES
9 TO ADDRESS THIS ON ITEM NO. 1.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
12 THANK YOU. WITH COMING UP WITH THIS OPTION AND AUTHORIZING
13 CONSUMMATION OF THE PURCHASE OF LAND, I WAS WONDERING MAYBE IF
14 THE COUNTY, WHOEVER, WHICH DEPARTMENT, WOULD CONSIDER, SINCE
15 THE STATE WANTS TO BE STUPID ENOUGH TO SELL STATE PROPERTIES,
16 WHY DOESN'T THE COUNTY CONSIDER BUYING THE PROPERTY ON SPRING
17 STREET THAT'S FOR SALE? THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING? THEY HAVE A
18 READY-MADE TENANT. THEY HAVE A LEASE INVOLVED. AND YOU CAN GET
19 MONEY FROM THE STATE FOR 30 YEARS FOR THE REAGAN OFFICE
20 BUILDING. I THINK YOU SHOULD EXPLORE THAT AS AN OPTION. THE
21 STATE WANTS TO SELL IT. MONEY IN THE BANK.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE
24 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.
2 ITEM NO. 2.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
5 ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING
6 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1616 AND 1697, THE MALIBU LIGHTING
7 DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 IN THE
8 PALMDALE, CARSON AND MALIBU ZONES AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
9 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES FOR
10 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES, WITH A BASE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE
11 FOR A SINGLE FAMILY HOME OF \$70 FOR THE PALMDALE ZONE, \$1 FOR
12 THE CARSON ZONE AND \$0 FOR THE MALIBU ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR
13 2010/'11. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS. NO
14 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?

17

18 **DAVID STRINGER:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
19 DAVID STRINGER AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE
21 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
22 DISTRICTS 1616 AND 1697 AND THE MALIBU LIGHTING DISTRICT AND
23 THE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED CARSON
24 AND PALMDALE ZONES. I'M ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE LEVYING AND
25 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN



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1 THE BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF
2 PALMDALE, CARSON AND MALIBU. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED
3 THEIR CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, THESE
4 SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE
5 SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN
6 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT
7 YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
8 REVENUE FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES AND ALSO TO ACCEPT
9 THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES ON BEHALF OF
10 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE
11 ANNEXATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER. COUNTY COUNSEL?

12
13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
14 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,
15 DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL
16 LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR
17 BOARD.

18
19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SO MOVE. AND THIS IS SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON
21 THAT ITEM.

22
23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
24 ANNEXATION OF APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO
25 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697 AND COUNTY



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1 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED IN CARSON ZONES AND
2 THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED
3 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES WITH A
4 BASE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OF \$5 FOR
5 THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND \$1 FOR THE CARSON ZONE FOR FISCAL
6 YEAR 2010/'11. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM
7 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A REPORT?

10

11 **DAVID STRINGER:** AGAIN, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE
12 SUPERVISORS. AGAIN MY NAME IS DAVID STRINGER AND I'M A SENIOR
13 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
14 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING
15 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1687 AND 1697 AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING
16 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED IN CARSON ZONES AND THE
17 LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISIONS
18 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALENCIA, CHARTER OAK, PALMDALE,
20 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, RAMONA, ROLAND HEIGHTS, SOUTH WHITTIER,
21 QUARTZ HILL AND IN THE CITY OF CARSON. THE INVOLVED CITY HAS
22 GRANTED ITS CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, THESE
23 SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE
24 SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN
25 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT



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1 YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
2 REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD
5 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,
6 DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL
7 LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR
8 BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
11 IF THERE IS NOT ANY OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING TO INCREASE
14 REGISTRATION FEES FROM \$25 TO \$50 FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED
15 BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OR OTHER
16 COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SB 676 TO BE
17 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON
18 THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, IT IS.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON PROPOSED
6 AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, TO EXTEND
7 THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE MARAVILLA, WILLOWBROOK, EAST RANCHO
8 DOMINGUEZ AND WEST ALTADENA REDEVELOPMENT PLANS. AGAIN, THERE
9 IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO
10 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
17 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL
18 PROTECTION TITLE 21, SUBDIVISIONS, AND TITLE 22 -- PLANNING
19 AND ZONING, TO REVISE AND IMPLEMENT NEW FEES CHARGED BY THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVIEW
21 AND PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT
22 STATEMENT ON THIS AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS ALSO RECEIVED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD I HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S
25 REPORT, PLEASE?



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2 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
3 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DENNIS SLAVIN REPRESENTING THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE FEE PACKAGE BEFORE YOU
5 THIS AFTERNOON IS A CULMINATION OF ABOUT A YEAR'S WORK. IN
6 2009, THE C.E.O. ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND
7 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW EXISTING FEES TO DETERMINE
8 HOW CLOSELY THEY REFLECT CURRENT ACTUAL COSTS. IN THE CASE OF
9 REGIONAL PLANNING, THIS EXERCISE HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE IN OVER
10 FIVE YEARS, SO IT WAS TIME. THE DEPARTMENT REVIEWED ALL FEES
11 AND PERMIT PROCESSES AND THEN DEVELOPED ACTUAL COSTS. THESE
12 COSTS HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND LEGALLY JUSTIFIED BY THE COUNTY
13 AUDITOR. THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF OTHER
14 CITY AND COUNTY JURISDICTIONS THAT PROVIDE SIMILAR PLANNING
15 SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED, AFTER REVIEWING THIS
16 SURVEY, THAT ITS FEES WERE COMPARABLE TO THE OTHER
17 JURISDICTIONS REVIEWED. THE PROPOSED FEE CHANGES WOULD ALLOW
18 THE DEPARTMENT TO RECOVER A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTUAL
19 PROCESSING COSTS FOR THE IMPACTED FEES. IN RECOGNITION OF THE
20 ECONOMIC CONDITIONS CURRENTLY FACING THE COUNTY AND TO REDUCE
21 THE IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, THE DEPARTMENT THEN
22 PACKAGED THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASES IN FOUR TIERS, THE FIRST
23 TIER BEING SMALL BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS, AND THE INTENT
24 WITH THIS CATEGORY IS TO PROVIDE NO FEE INCREASE. THE SECOND
25 CATEGORY WOULD BE THOSE FEES THAT WOULD IMPACT PRIMARILY LARGE



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1 BUSINESSSES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT. AND FEES VARY WITHIN THIS
2 CATEGORY BY AMOUNT OF INCREASE. THE THIRD CATEGORY WOULD BE
3 THOSE FEES THAT INVOLVE APPEALS AND VARIANCES. AND FINALLY
4 THOSE FEES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO REDUCE. IN SUM
5 TOTAL, THE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES THAT THIS FEE PACKAGE WILL
6 GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN
7 FISCAL 2010/'11. FINALLY, IN CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO
8 THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO
9 IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF \$1.7 MILLION IN BUDGETED
10 REVENUE SHOULD THE FEE INCREASE NOT BE APPROVED. WITHOUT THIS
11 REVENUE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE FORCED TO CURTAIL 14 TOTAL
12 POSITIONS, WHICH TRANSLATES TO ABOUT EIGHT PERCENT OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL STAFF. THESE NUMBERS, OF COURSE, CAN CHANGE
14 DUE TO RETIREMENTS, ATTRITION AND PROMOTIONS. BUT ESSENTIALLY
15 THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE LOOKING AT A REDUCTION OF EIGHT
16 POSITIONS, THESE WOULD BE ACTUAL LAYOFFS, AND THE CURTAILMENT
17 OF SIX VACANT POSITIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. A
18 MAJORITY OF THESE POSITIONS WOULD BE PLANNING IN NATURE, AND
19 THEN THERE WOULD BE A FEW POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE OF SUPPORT
20 IN NATURE. WITHOUT THE INCREASE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO
21 STAND TO LOSE OVER \$300,000 IN ADDITIONAL S&S. THIS ACTION
22 WILL IMPACT LAND OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS DUE TO SERVICE LOST AS
23 WELL AS LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROJECTS. SO AGAIN WITHOUT THE
24 INCREASE, THERE WILL BE IMPACTS. THE DEPARTMENT IS HAPPY TO
25 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND MANY OF THE JURISDICTIONS
5 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TODAY ARE REDUCING FEES OR
6 WAIVING THEM ALTOGETHER, SO IF THE COUNTY HAS TO, YOUR
7 RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE FEES, HOW WOULD YOU INCREASE
8 PERFORMANCE WITH THAT INCREASE?

9

10 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** WE'RE COMMITTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE
11 PROCESS PERMITS AND TO LOOK AT IF THAT CAN BE STREAMLINED,
12 MADE MORE EFFICIENT, AND WORKING WITH BOTH THE SUPERVISORS'
13 STAFF AND OUR PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEE IF WE COULD
14 EFFECTUATE SOME CHANGE. I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE COULD BECOME
15 MORE EFFICIENT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THE ONLY PROPOSAL WE HAVE BEFORE US
18 TODAY IS A LARGE INCREASE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL OF
19 SERVICE. SO IN ONE SENSE, YOU'RE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE
20 HORSE. AND AS THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR, THIS GIVES YOU AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A REVIEW AS TO WHAT TYPES OF FEES, IF ANY,
22 CAN BE REDUCED, INCREASED, OR REMAIN THE SAME. AND THE BOARD
23 NEEDS TO HAVE THAT TYPE OF UNDERSTANDING BEFORE, IN MY
24 OPINION, WE WOULD TAKE ACTION ON THIS PROPOSAL. SO I HAVE A
25 MOTION, AMENDMENT I PUT FORWARD, COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR DON



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1 KNABE. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING'S REQUEST OF A \$1.6
2 MILLION FEE INCREASE AMIDST THE WORST ECONOMY SINCE THE GREAT
3 DEPRESSION AND LIMITED PROSPECTS FOR A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
4 IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. AS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS
5 OFTEN A PRIME GENERATOR OF JOBS IN AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY, THE
6 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS OFTEN A PRIME GENERATOR ALSO OF THAT
7 ECONOMY'S RECOVERY. BUT THE TIMING OF THE FEE INCREASE COULD
8 NOT BE WORSE. IT IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WHEN OTHER COUNTIES
9 AND CITIES, NOTABLY THOSE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE, HAVE REDUCED
10 DEVELOPMENT FEES OR WAIVED THEM ALTOGETHER. THE COUNTY
11 RECENTLY HIRED OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, WHO IS
12 TO BE COMMENDED FOR HIS ONGOING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE
13 PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT; BUT REGRETTABLY, THE
14 DEPARTMENT'S NEW DIRECTOR HAS ARRIVED IN THE MIDST OF A VERY
15 DEMANDING COUNTY BUDGET THAT REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL CURTAILMENTS
16 IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. THE FACT THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE
17 PROPOSED FEE INCREASE MIRRORS THE REVENUES LOST TO THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S CURTAILMENT RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT
19 WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADEQUATELY JUSTIFIED THE PROPOSED
20 INCREASES. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PUBLIC BE COMPELLED TO PAY
21 THE HIGHER FEES, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE BOARD DEMAND THE
22 DEPARTMENT IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE IN EXCHANGE. AS IT STANDS,
23 THERE IS NOTHING BEYOND MORE OF THE SAME IN TERMS OF THESE
24 INCREASES, AND THAT IS NOT FAIR TO THE PUBLIC. THERE ARE
25 SEVERAL PROBLEMS IN THE DEPARTMENT WHICH PRE-DATE THE



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1 DIRECTOR'S ARRIVAL. NO SPECIFIC METRICS NOR PERFORMANCE
2 STANDARDS FOR CASE PROCESSING TIMELINES, A SPOTTY RECORD OF
3 COMPLYING WITH THE PROCESSING TIMELINES MANDATED BY STATE LAW,
4 INCLUDING BOTH THE PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT AND THE SUBDIVISION
5 MAP ACT. DESPITE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS, A LESS THAN SATISFACTORY
6 OVERALL RECORD IN TERMS OF DEEMING APPLICATIONS COMPLETE AS
7 REQUIRED BY VARIOUS STATE LAWS IN TITLE 21 AND 22 OF THE
8 COUNTY CODE. CASE PROCESSING DELAYS BOTH ON THE ROUTINE AND
9 NONCONTROVERSIAL PROJECTS, AS WELL AS LARGER PROJECTS THAT
10 REQUIRE THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,
11 CHRONIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE PROJECTS THAT ARE ON THE DEPOSIT
12 SYSTEM WHERE STAFF BILLS ITS TIME AND THE DEVELOPER REIMBURSES
13 THE DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
14 PART. SO WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE FURTHER
15 DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASE ORDINANCE AND DIRECT
16 THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE
17 REVIEW OF CASE PROCESSING, WHICH INCLUDES IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC
18 TIME FRAMES FOR CASE PROCESSING WHILE PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR
19 PROCESSING LAND USE APPROVALS, FOR EXAMPLE, CONDITIONAL USE
20 PERMITS, ZONE CHANGE AND SUBDIVISION CASES, DETERMINING
21 MEASURES TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
22 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PARTICULARLY MEASURES
23 THAT WILL EXPEDITE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS WHEN E.I.R.S
24 ARE REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, DOCUMENTING HOW THE
25 DEPARTMENT COMPLIES WITH THE PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT AS IT



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1 RELATES TO DEEMING APPLICATIONS COMPLETE AND SPECIFIED CASE
2 PROCESSING TIME LIMITS AND A DISCUSSION OF WHETHER IT IS
3 APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO RELY UPON PROCESSING TIME
4 WAIVERS AND APPLICANTS, DISCUSSING POSSIBLE MEANS OF EXPANDING
5 THE SPECIAL PERMIT SECTION TO PROCESS MORE OF THE LARGER
6 PROJECTS AND HOW THIS VEHICLE CAN BE USED AS THE MEANS OF
7 FREEING UP STAFF TIME TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF THE MORE
8 ROUTINE LAND USE APPLICATIONS, PROVIDING A BETTER MEANS OF
9 ACCOUNTING FOR THOSE PROJECTS WHICH ARE BASED ON THE DEPOSIT
10 SYSTEM WHERE STAFF BILLS ITS TIME AGAINST A PROJECT AND THE
11 DEVELOPER REIMBURSES THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT APPLICANTS
12 ARE GETTING THE SERVICE TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED. REACH OUT
13 TO BUILDING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, CONSULTANTS WHO
14 REGULARLY PROCESS APPLICATIONS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARCHITECTS
15 AND ENGINEERS, PLANNING CONSULTANTS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,
16 TOWN COUNCILS, OUR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, SOLICIT
17 FEEDBACK CONCERNING BOTH THE PROPOSED PROCESSING IMPROVEMENTS
18 AND THE FEE INCREASES AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A
19 FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABOVE-REFERENCED ITEMS,
20 INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS JUSTIFYING THE PROPOSED FEE
21 INCREASE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT MOTION IS BEFORE US. YES?



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. I'M SURE WHEN IT COMES
2 BACK FOR THE REPORT WE'LL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. BUT I MEAN, YOU
3 KNOW, IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT THE FEES ARE GENERATED JUST TO
4 PLUG A HOLE. AND I REALLY DIDN'T FEEL THAT WE GOT WHAT'S GOING
5 TO BE BETTER ABOUT THE INCREASE IN FEES WITH THE REQUEST.
6 CONCERNED ABOUT THE OUTREACH WHERE LIKE THE B.I.A. AND OTHERS,
7 JUST GOT A COPY OF THIS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. BUT SOME OF
8 THESE INCREASES, AGAIN, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED,
9 WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS, THAT THE
10 ANSWER TO A LOT OF OUR ISSUES, ARE JOBS, JOBS, JOBS. AND
11 PROBABLY NO ONE CAN TURN IT AROUND FASTER THAN THE
12 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. BUT YOU GOT C.U.P. INCREASES OF 45
13 PERCENT, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, 53 PERCENT, S.E.A.
14 C.U.P.S, THAT IMPACTS CATALINA ISLAND, WHAT WE'RE GOING
15 THROUGH RIGHT NOW, 107 PERCENT INCREASE. APPEALING TO THIS
16 BOARD, OKAY, 329 PERCENT INCREASE. APPEALS TO THE REGIONAL
17 PLANNING COMMISSION, 303 PERCENT INCREASE. I MEAN, EVERYBODY -
18 - WE COULD LOOK AT INCREASES FROM HERE TO THERE, BUT THESE ARE
19 REALLY SIGNIFICANT. AND WHILE I UNDERSTAND PART OF THE STAFF
20 TESTIMONY WAS IF IN FACT WE CAN'T GET THIS, IT'S GOING TO SLOW
21 THINGS DOWN, EXCUSE ME, THESE KIND OF INCREASES ARE GOING TO
22 SLOW THINGS DOWN, TOO, WHEN IN FACT WE REALLY NEED TO PUT
23 PEOPLE TO WORK. SO HOPEFULLY IN THE MOTION WHEN YOU COME BACK
24 WITH THE RESPONSE, THAT THERE'S SOME BENEFIT TO AN INCREASED
25 FEES? INSTEAD OF JUST WHAT THE DEFICIT IS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.



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1 SOME RATIONALE TO DO THAT OTHER THAN JUST TO PLUG A HOLE. TO
2 REALLY REVIEW WHETHER SOME OF THESE FEES ARE -- I MEAN, I CAN
3 IMAGINE THE OUTRAGE, THE FIRST PERSON THAT COMES IN TO APPEAL
4 TO THIS BOARD AND REALIZE THIS BID INCREASED 329 PERCENT. I'M
5 SURE OUR OFFICES WILL GET CONTACTED. SO HOPEFULLY WITH THIS
6 MOTION, THAT WE'LL REALLY SCRUB THIS THING THROUGH TO SEE NOT
7 ONLY WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO BUT I THINK THE OTHER THING IS THE
8 OUTREACH WITH B.I.A. AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO SEE WHAT
9 KINDS OF THINGS THEY MIGHT SUGGEST THAT MIGHT MAKE THESE MORE
10 PALATABLE, IF SOME OF THEM COULD BE PALATABLE. BUT RIGHT NOW,
11 THEY'RE JUST -- THEY'RE OUTRAGEOUS. I MEAN THE INCREASES ARE
12 ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WHAT'S
17 NECESSARY IS NECESSARY, BUT I THINK THE CASE HAS TO BE MADE
18 THAT HAS YET TO BE MADE FOR THE INCREASE. I DON'T NECESSARILY
19 WISH TO CONSTRUE THIS AS BEING ANTI-BUSINESS AS SUCH. WE THINK
20 IN TERMS OF LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. AND FEES ARE
21 ARDUOUS, BURDENSOME FOR BUSINESSES, DEVELOPERS WHO ARE TRYING
22 TO GENERATE JOBS, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH LAND
23 USE, FOR WHICH REGIONAL PLANNING IS SIGNIFICANTLY RESPONSIBLE.
24 THE DIFFICULTY THAT I THINK WE HAVE TO ADDRESS IS THAT
25 ULTIMATELY A DECISION WILL NEED TO BE MADE. THE MOTION THAT



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1 HAS BEEN READ IN BY MR. ANTONOVICH AND JOINTLY AUTHORED BY MR.
2 KNABE IS MORE OPEN-ENDED THAN WHAT I THINK IS PRUDENT OR
3 REASONABLE. THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE ANTONOVICH-KNABE MOTION
4 READS "REPORT BACK AT A FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
5 ABOVE-REFERENCED ITEMS." MAY I SUGGEST THAT THAT'S TOO OPEN-
6 ENDED? WE NEED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT. WE HAVE SOME
7 DECISIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO BE MADE. THIRTY DAYS COULD BE
8 REASONABLE, BUT CERTAINLY BEFORE WE MAKE THE DETERMINATION
9 WITH RESPECT TO THE BUDGET IN JUNE. AND IT OUGHT TO ACCOMPANY
10 THE APPROPRIATE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS ANALYSIS, AT WHICH TIME
11 THE BOARD WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION BASED ON THE DATA THAT IS
12 BROUGHT FORWARD. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT'S A MORE PRUDENT WAY
13 TO PROCEED AND GET MORE SUBSTANTIAL FEEDBACK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ACCEPT THAT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RATHER THAN IMPLEMENT NOW, LET'S DO THE
18 WORK. AND THIS IN NO WAY SHOULD BE AN INDICATION THAT WE WON'T
19 FIND IT NECESSARY TO IMPOSE THE FEES, THAT AT THAT TIME
20 PERHAPS ALL OF US WILL BE ON THE SAME PAGE AND SO DOING IF
21 DEEMED NECESSARY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO LET ME UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE CLARIFYING IT
24 TO BE A 30-DAY REPORT BACK?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING THAT, RATHER THAN
2 BE OPEN-ENDED.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I WASN'T SURE OF A TIME FRAME THAT YOU PUT
5 ON IT. BECAUSE THIS IS A NINE-MONTH REPORT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL NOW, THAT IS NOT WHAT I WOULD WISH TO
8 DO. AND IF IT'S NOT 30 DAYS, AT LEAST BEFORE WE DECIDE WITH
9 RESPECT TO THE BUDGET.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT -- DOES THAT MAKE
12 IT IN THAT TIME FRAME? THAT'S WHY I WAS -- IT'S MY
13 UNDERSTANDING -- LET'S JUST GET A CLARIFICATION BEFORE WE MOVE
14 FORWARD.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIRTY DAYS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FROM NOW?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY. AND/OR BEFORE WE MAKE OUR
21 DETERMINATION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL OF THESE ITEMS TO BE REVIEWED?

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, BEFORE -- I MEAN, THE THRUST OF WHAT
2 I'M SUGGESTING IS THAT PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AND THE LIKE, THE
3 FEEDBACK THAT WE WISH TO SOLICIT, RATHER THAN SAYING
4 DEFINITELY WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS OR ON
5 THE OTHER HAND THAT WE WILL IMPOSE THEM, THERE IS MORE DUE
6 DILIGENCE THAT'S WARRANTED. AND BEFORE WE DECIDE WITH RESPECT
7 TO THE BUDGET IN JUNE OR 30 DAYS, WHICHEVER IS DEEMED MOST
8 REASONABLE, IS WHAT I WOULD AMEND THIS MOTION TO SUGGEST.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HARD TO GET SIMPLE ANSWERS FROM YOU. HARD
11 TO GET SIMPLE ANSWERS.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE AT THAT.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE WE UNDERSTOOD ON THAT ITEM, MR.
16 YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I UNDERSTAND IT TO BE 30 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I KEEP PULLING OUT. I HOPE
21 THAT'S CORRECT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT THAT WAY?

22

23 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** SUPERVISOR, IF IT'S JUST TO CONTINUE THIS
24 PUBLIC HEARING TO A DATE CERTAIN, WHICH WOULD BE THE NEXT



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1 PUBLIC HEARING, THEN WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE
2 MOTION --

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT I'M ATTEMPTING TO DO IS CLOSE THIS
5 GAP WHERE IT SAYS "A FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING." THAT'S
6 UNSPECIFIED. IT COULD MEAN ANY POINT IN TIME, WHICH WOULD
7 FORESTALL US MAKING A DECISION. I'M TRYING TO MAKE THAT MUCH
8 TIGHTER, THAT'S ALL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** TO BE THE MAY PUBLIC HEARING WHICH WOULD BE BEFORE
11 THE BUDGET.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK, MADAM CHAIR, THAT THE APPROPRIATE
16 THING TO DO WOULD BE TO SET IT FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING
17 DATE.

18

19 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAY WE DON'T HAVE TO RENOTICE THE WHOLE
22 PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU ALWAYS GET THAT WHOLE--

23

24 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS GETTING AT, YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** --RIGAMAROLE ALL OVER AGAIN. SPEAKING OF
2 STREAMLINING.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT WILL BE SET FOR MAY 25TH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAY 25TH. OKAY.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH IS BEFORE THE BUDGET.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOW, CAN I --

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THE BUDGET HEARINGS START ON MAY 12TH.
17 THEY END ON THE 25TH.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I THINK HE WAS REFERRING TO THE JUNE
20 DELIBERATION.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DID SAY JUNE, YES.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD
25 JUST LIKE TO ASK THAT IN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS MOTION WHERE WE



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1 TALK ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THE BUILDING INDUSTRY
2 REPRESENTATIVES, ET CETERA, THAT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ALSO BE
3 INCLUDED FOR THE REACH OUT. DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT?
4 YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHO'S PREPARED TO SPEAK TO THE FEE-
5 SUPPORTED ASPECT OF THIS. BUT LET ME JUST ASK THE QUESTION.
6 WHOEVER CAN ANSWER IT, ANSWER IT. THESE FEES, I ASSUME, SINCE
7 THE LAW REQUIRES THAT FEES ONLY CAN BE RAISED TO THE EXTENT
8 THAT THEY COVER THE COST OF THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE IS
9 PAID, CORRECT?

10

11 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU HAVE DONE AN ANALYSIS THAT, SAY, A
14 SITE PLAN REVIEW, DISCRETIONARY SITE PLAN REVIEW WHICH GOES
15 FROM \$732 TO \$1044, A WHOPPING \$312 INCREASE, WHICH MAY BE
16 CLOSE TO 50 PERCENT INCREASE, BUT IT'S A \$300 INCREASE FOR A
17 SITE PLAN REVIEW, A DISCRETIONARY SITE PLAN REVIEW, WHICH IN
18 MY DISTRICT CAN BE A PRETTY BIG DEAL. NOW, THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY
19 COVER YOUR WHOLE COST.

20

21 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** FIRST OF ALL, THAT'S ON AVERAGE, SUPERVISOR. SO
22 THERE ARE MORE DIFFICULT ONES AND SOME FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD
23 ONES. BUT THERE WAS A STUDY DONE USING ACTUAL COSTS AND THE
24 AVERAGE SITE PLAN REVIEW, IF YOU WILL, IF THERE IS SUCH A
25 THING. BUT WE TRIED TO CAPTURE THE REAL COST OF DOING THESE.



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1 YOU'RE CORRECT, IN HILLSIDE AREAS, IN ENVIRONMENTALLY
2 SENSITIVE AREAS, IT'S A VERY TIME CONSUMING AND VERY DETAILED
3 PROCESS. FOR MANY OF THE OTHER FLAT LAND AREAS, IT'S VERY
4 STRAIGHTFORWARD. SO THERE WAS A STUDY DONE. IT MEASURED THE
5 HOURS AND THE COST OF THOSE HOURS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I GUESS JUST LOGIC. FORGETTING HOW
8 COMPLICATED IT IS, LOGIC TELLS ME THAT IT COSTS THE COUNTY
9 MORE THAN \$1,044, CERTAINLY MORE THAN THE \$732 WE'RE NOW
10 CHARGING, TO STAFF, TO PROCESS THE APPLICATIONS, AND ALL THAT
11 STUFF FOR DISCRETIONARY SITE PLAN REVIEW.

12

13 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT? THAT MAY COVER, YOU KNOW, TWO DAYS OF
16 ONE OF YOUR EMPLOYEE'S SALARY, A DAY AND A HALF OF YOUR
17 EMPLOYEE'S SALARY, AND THEY ON THE AVERAGE, IN PROBABLY ALMOST
18 EVERY CASE, SPEND MORE THAN A DAY'S WORTH OF WORK DEALING WITH
19 THE DISCRETIONARY SITE PLAN REVIEW. AND I JUST USED THAT AS AN
20 EXAMPLE. I PULLED IT OUT OF THE HAT. THERE IS A PAGE LONG OF
21 LISTS HERE. AND I GUESS WHAT DRIVES ME UP A WALL, BECAUSE I
22 DEALT WITH THIS EXACT SAME THING IN THE CITY 20 YEARS AGO, IS
23 THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DON'T RECOVER OUR COSTS THROUGH
24 FEES, WE'RE ASKING THE GENERAL FUND TO RECOVER THOSE, TO
25 SUBSIDIZE THOSE COSTS. SO WHETHER IT'S NEWHALL RANCH OR



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1 WHETHER IT'S A DEVELOPER IN MY DISTRICT OR WHETHER IT'S A
2 DEVELOPER IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, FROM A TO Z, THE
3 SIZES OF THE PROJECT, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DON'T RECOVER THE
4 COSTS FROM THESE GUYS THROUGH FEES, WE'RE ASKING EVERYTHING
5 ELSE WE DO TO SUBSIDIZE IT.

6

7 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** CORRECT.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN QUESTION.
10 NOW, I THINK THAT YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB, FRANKLY, OF
11 TRYING TO BE SENSIBLE IN WHERE YOU RECOMMENDED THE INCREASES,
12 EVEN THOUGH I COULD ARGUE THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE INCREASED IT
13 ACROSS THE BOARD AND RECOVERED THE COST FOR SOME PEOPLE,
14 RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE IN AN AVERAGE INCOME, SOME PEOPLE
15 WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOMES WHO HAVE TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO DO
16 SOMETHING, TO ADD A BEDROOM ONTO THE HOUSE, THEY DON'T WANT TO
17 HAVE TO PAY \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000 IN PERMIT FEES JUST TO RUN
18 IT THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT. AND I THOUGHT IN THE FIRST PAGE OF
19 YOUR ATTACHMENT THAT YOU ADDRESSED IT. BUT IT'S JUST AMAZING
20 TO ME THAT A MAJOR SUBDIVISION IN THIS COUNTY, WHAT CATEGORY
21 WOULD A MAJOR SUBDIVISION FALL UNDER ON YOUR ATTACHMENT B, MR.
22 BRUCKNER?

23

24 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD CLARIFY ONE THING.
25 FOR THE LARGER PROJECTS, WE ACTUALLY DO ACTUAL TIME OF THE



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1 PROCESSING. IF THE PROJECT'S LARGE ENOUGH, IT GOES INTO
2 SPECIAL PROJECTS AND WE DRAW DOWN AGAINST FUNDS AND CHARGE THE
3 ACTUAL COST. SO FOR THE LARGER PROJECTS, AND THERE'S ABOUT 15
4 OF THOSE, WE ENTER INTO A FEE ARRANGEMENT WITH THEM WHERE IT'S
5 THE ACTUAL COSTS. AND THOSE CAN BE, AS YOU'RE POINTING OUT,
6 SUBSTANTIAL.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I MEAN I'LL STICK TO -- I'LL BE PAROCHIAL
9 AND JUST LOOK AT MY PART OF TOWN. I DON'T WANT TO PICK ON
10 ANYBODY. I'LL PICK ON MYSELF. A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
11 UNDER YOUR PROPOSED FEE, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, PERMITS
12 WITH AMENDMENTS AND WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, ARE NOW CHARGED
13 \$5,654. NOW, IN MY PART OF THE COUNTY, AND I SUPPOSE IN EVERY
14 PART OF THE COUNTY WHERE THERE'S A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT,
15 \$5,600, THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT TAKE PLACE UP THERE ARE IN THE
16 SEVEN AND SOME CASES EIGHT FIGURES. BUT IN EVERY CASE, SEVEN-
17 FIGURE DEVELOPMENTS, SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE PER
18 DEVELOPMENT IN THE COASTAL ZONE, MY PART OF THE COASTAL ZONE.
19 I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND YOU'RE PROPOSING TO
20 TAKE IT FROM 5,600 BUCKS TO 8,172 BUCKS, WHICH TO ME IS VERY
21 INEXPENSIVE FOR A GUY WHO IS GOING TO BUILD A \$10 MILLION HOME
22 OVERLOOKING THE PACIFIC OCEAN. AND SO I'M PUZZLED, BECAUSE I
23 KNOW THIS HAS BEEN DRIVEN LARGELY BY ADVOCATES AND THEY'RE
24 GOOD FAITH ADVOCATES, THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN VERY
25 ACTIVE ON THIS. AND WE'VE TRY TO WORK WITH THEM TO TRY TO



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1 FIGURE SOMETHING OUT ON THIS, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THEIR
2 INTERESTS -- I SHOULDN'T SAY I CAN'T BELIEVE -- I DON'T
3 UNDERSTAND WHY THEIR INTEREST WOULD BE ON THAT, WHETHER THAT
4 WOULD PREVENT A BILLIONAIRE \$2,600 INCREASE IN FEES WOULD
5 PREVENT A BILLIONAIRE FROM BUILDING HIS 15,000-FOOT HOUSE
6 OVERLOOKING THE MALIBU COASTLINE. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
7 NOW, THE NEXT THING IS WELL, IT DOESN'T JUST APPLY TO MALIBU
8 COASTLINE. WHAT ABOUT THE SMALL-TIME GUY IN THE UNINCORPORATED
9 PART OF THE COUNTY? IN THE MORE CENTRAL PART OF THE COUNTY?
10 NOW I THINK ON THAT ONE, AND I KNOW THE B.I.A. IS REALLY
11 CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE INDIVIDUAL SMALL PROJECTS. THEY'VE
12 ALWAYS COME TO ME ON THOSE. ON THOSE, YOU'VE RELENTED ON
13 THOSE, I BELIEVE, IN MANY OF THE SMALL -- THE ONES THAT WOULD
14 IMPACT FOLKS FOR WHOM A \$3,000 INCREASE IN FEE IS A HIT, IS A
15 SIGNIFICANT HIT, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND THE LIKE. ON PAGE 1
16 OF YOUR ATTACHMENT WHERE THERE ARE NO INCREASES, ON
17 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS, AND
18 CONDITIONAL USE FOR -- I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE LIST,
19 BUT HOUSING PERMITS, DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PERMITS, LOT LINE
20 ADJUSTMENTS, ALL OF THESE YOU HAVEN'T INCREASED IT BY A
21 NICKEL. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT BY THE TIME YOU'RE
22 DONE, AND I KNOW THERE ARE THREE VOTES TO DO THIS. I DON'T
23 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO COME -- WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO
24 COME BACK WITH THAT IS GOING TO BE ANY BETTER THAN THIS,
25 UNLESS IT IS A DECISION THAT WE WANT THE GENERAL FUND TO



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1 SUBSIDIZE A 15,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME ABOVE MALIBU OR WHEREVER.
2 ASSUMING IT'S NOT ONE OF THESE MAJOR PROJECTS, ONE OF THE 15
3 MAJOR PROJECTS. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THOSE THAT ARE NOT
4 MAJOR PROJECTS THAT COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY. I MEAN, I KNOW
5 HOW MUCH TIME YOU GUYS SPEND, I KNOW HOW MUCH TIME I
6 PERSONALLY SPEND AND HOW MUCH TIME MY STAFF SPENDS ON NICKEL
7 AND DIME DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND I
8 KNOW YOU GUYS SPEND MORE TIME, BECAUSE YOU HAVE MORE TIME TO
9 SPEND BECAUSE YOU HAVE MORE EMPLOYEES. I KNOW HOW MUCH TIME
10 YOU SPEND. AND YOU'RE NOT RECOVERING YOUR COSTS ON THOSE
11 THINGS. ANYWAY, I'M NOT PERSUADED BY THIS CAMPAIGN. I'M NOT
12 INTERESTED IN SEEING YOU DO ANY SHORTCUTS TO THE CALIFORNIA
13 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. I HOPE THAT'S NOT THE WAY YOU READ
14 THIS. I WOULDN'T READ IT THIS WAY. YOU GOT TO COMPLY WITH THE
15 LAW. STREAMLINING IS ONE THING. AND STREAMLINING WORKS BOTH
16 WAYS. STREAMLINING THE DEVELOPER, THE DEVELOPERS' PATHWAY IS
17 ONE THING, AND ALSO NOT MAKING MISTAKES. AND THIS AGAIN PRE-
18 DATES YOU, MR. BRUCKNER, NOT MAKING MISTAKES THAT
19 INADVERTENTLY GIVE DEVELOPERS PERMITS TO DO THINGS THAT THEY
20 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DO UNDER THE LOCAL ZONING AND UNDER THE
21 PLAN, AND THEN GETS US INTO A LEGAL MESS AND STICKS US WITH
22 PROJECTS THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN BUILT. I'D LIKE YOU TO
23 TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE, TOO, AS PART OF THIS. HOW DO YOU
24 STREAMLINE THAT PIECE OF IT? BECAUSE THAT ENDS UP TAKING A LOT
25 OF YOUR TIME WHEN YOU HAVE TO START RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY



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1 GROUPS AND TO SUPERVISORS' OFFICES, HOW DID YOU LET THAT
2 HAPPEN? HOW DID YOU LET SOMEBODY GRADE 15,000 SQUARE FOOT OF
3 RIDGELINE WHEN HE DIDN'T HAVE A PERMIT TO DO IT? NOW YOU DON'T
4 ISSUE THOSE PERMITS BUT I'M JUST DOING IT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE
5 PURPOSES. THAT'S GOT TO BE ADDRESSED, TOO. AND SOMEHOW THERE
6 NEEDS TO BE A BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PERMITEES AND
7 THE PERMIT GRANTORS, PERMITTERS, I GUESS. I'M NOT SUPPORTIVE
8 OF THE DIRECTION THIS IS GOING. I MEAN ALL YOU'RE ASKING FOR
9 HERE IS INFORMATION. AND I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO GETTING
10 THAT INFORMATION. AND I APPRECIATE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS' TIME ON
11 THIS, PUTTING THE TIME ON IT SO THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A
12 DECISION TO RAISE ANY FEES, THAT WE DO IT EARLIER RATHER THAN
13 LATER SO THAT WE GET THE FULL BENEFIT OF IT. BUT THE NOTION
14 THAT WE -- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED AFTER PROPOSITION
15 13 WAS WE WERE PREVENTED FROM RAISING TAXES BY A MAJORITY OR
16 SUPER MAJORITY OF THE VOTE OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY, EITHER A
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR THE CITY COUNCIL. BUT THE ONE THING
18 THAT THE JARVIS AMENDMENT, THE PROPOSITION 13 DID NOT PREVENT
19 US FROM DOING WAS FEE RECOVERY, WHETHER IT WAS RUBBISH
20 COLLECTION, WHETHER IT WAS PERMIT FEES, BUILDING FEES. AND IN
21 THE OLD DAYS, I WAS JUST GOING THROUGH THIS A FEW DAYS AGO
22 BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAD WRITTEN SOMETHING THAT I THOUGHT WAS
23 INACCURATE ABOUT SOMETHING WE HAD DONE IN THE CITY AT THAT
24 TIME. WE ACTUALLY IN 1991 OR '92, WE ACTUALLY LAID OFF -- THIS
25 WAS THE ONLY TIME I CAN REMEMBER IN THE CITY EVER LAYING OFF



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1 ANYBODY, WE LAID OFF 20 PLANNERS AND ABOUT 80 BUILDING
2 INSPECTORS BECAUSE THEY HAD NO WORK TO DO. IT WAS IN THE
3 RECESSION. THERE WAS NOTHING FOR THOSE FEE SUPPORTED
4 SUBDIVISION FOLKS TO DO. NOW THEY GOT THEM JOBS IN OTHER PARTS
5 OF THE CITY. MOST OF THEM DIDN'T LOSE THEIR INCOME. BUT THEY
6 REDUCED THOSE POSITIONS IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS. OTHERWISE, RIGHT
7 NOW THERE ISN'T -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE IS AT THE
8 MOMENT, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU'RE FLOODED WITH LAND USE
9 APPLICATIONS AT THE MOMENT, GIVEN THE ECONOMY BEING WHAT IT
10 IS. AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. SO THAT'S A
11 DOUBLE WHAMMY ON US. SO WE'VE BEEN GIVEN, I DON'T WANT TO SAY
12 A FREE RIDE, BUT LARGELY CLOSE TO A FREE RIDE TO AN INDUSTRY.
13 AND WE'RE NOW BEING ASKED TO PAY FOR POSITIONS THAT ARE --
14 THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY AT THIS VERY MOMENT. AND IF THEY ARE
15 NECESSARY, THEY SHOULDN'T BE SUBSIDIZED BY SHERIFF DEPLOYMENT
16 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OR PARKS OR LIBRARIES. I MEAN
17 ESSENTIALLY HOW MANY LIBRARIANS DID YOU RECOMMEND IN YOUR
18 BUDGET ARE GOING TO BE LAID OFF?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOT AS MUCH LAID OFF, BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
21 DECREASING HOURS RIGHT NOW. WHICH HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON THE
22 COMMUNITY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF YOU INCREASE THE FEES, IT WOULD FREE
25 UP THE MONEY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO USE TO SUBSIDIZE THESE



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1 POSITIONS MAYBE TO SAVE A FEW OF THE HOURS IN THE LIBRARY
2 SYSTEM. IT GOES ON AND ON. SO I'M NOT PHILOSOPHICALLY IN TUNE
3 WITH WHERE THIS MOTION IS GOING, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY
4 THAT. AND I THINK YOU'VE DONE A PRETTY GOOD, THOROUGH JOB, IN
5 TRYING TO BE EQUITABLE. AND MAYBE YOU CAN IMPROVE ON IT, BUT I
6 THOUGHT YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB ON THIS. BECAUSE THE KINDS
7 OF THINGS THAT I REACT TO, A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FEES FOR
8 A HOMEOWNER, A MODEST HOMEOWNER, IS A BIG HIT. AND YOU
9 ADDRESSED THAT HERE. YOU WERE SENSIBLE IN IT. BUT FOR THE BIG
10 DEVELOPERS AND THE ONES, AND I'LL SAY THEY'RE IN MY PART OF
11 THE COUNTY, IN THE COASTAL ZONE, FOR THEM TO SQUAWK ABOUT A
12 \$2,600 INCREASE IN A FEE WHEN THEY'RE BUILDING A \$10 MILLION
13 HOUSE? IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, WE CALL IT CHUTZPAH.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE QUICK NOTE IF I MAY. YOU'RE RIGHT. THE
16 DEPARTMENT WENT THROUGH A VERY COMPREHENSIVE, VERY THOUGHTFUL
17 PROCESS. AND YOU TOUCHED ON IT EARLIER. THE FACT REMAINS THAT
18 NOT EVERY FEE WAS RAISED TO THE LEVEL IT COULD HAVE BEEN
19 RAISED TO ACHIEVE FULL COST RECOVERY. THEY WENT THROUGH A
20 PROCESS, LOOKED AT WHAT WAS REASONABLE. THEY LOOKED AT
21 CATEGORIES SUCH AS THE SMALLER HOMES, THE SMALLER PROJECTS
22 WHERE THEY DECIDED NOT TO RAISE THE FEES. AND SO THEY HAVE
23 DONE THAT. AND SO WE CAN TAKE THE NEXT 30 DAYS, SHOULD THIS
24 ONE MOTION GO FORWARD, TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE FOR
25 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AND WHY WE'RE DOING IT, OR WHY THE



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1 DEPARTMENT'S DOING IT, AND PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO EACH
2 OFFICE, BUT ALSO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT,
3 IF WE DON'T RAISE THIS FEE, OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE
4 COUNTY WILL MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO,
5 SINCE WE HAVEN'T RAISED THESE FEES SINCE 2005, WE SHOULD ON A
6 GO-FORWARD BASIS, DEVELOP A STRUCTURE WHERE WE CAN RE-VISIT
7 THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT WAITING A
8 FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO DO THIS AND LOOKING AT THAT IMPACT. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BUT BEFORE US NOW IS THIS
12 MOTION THAT WILL COME BACK AT THE NEXT HEARING, WHICH IS IN 30
13 DAYS, IS THAT CORRECT? WITH THIS REVIEW? VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST ASK ONE MORE QUESTION?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU EXPECT THESE FEES TO BE
20 EFFECTIVE IF WE HAD APPROVED THEM TODAY?

21

22 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THEY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS LATER OR
23 JULY 1. AND I THINK IT'S WORTH POINTING OUT IF COUNTY COUNSEL
24 BY DELAYING 30 DAYS IS A 30-DAY LAG IN IMPLEMENTATION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE 60 DAYS MOVES THE 30 DAYS OUT.

2

3 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** EXACTLY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND 60 DAYS FROM NOW WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END
6 OF JUNE.

7

8 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** END OF JUNE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO JUST A 30 DAY TAKES ONE-TWELFTH OF THE
11 FISCAL YEAR OUT OF PLAY.

12

13 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE A SPEAKER ON THIS
16 ITEM. MISS HOLLY SCHROEDER?

17

18 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
19 DISCUSSION. MY NAME IS HOLLY SCHROEDER, I'M C.E.O. OF THE
20 BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, L.A.-VENTURA CHAPTER. THE
21 BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, AS YOU KNOW, REPRESENTS ALL
22 SORTS OF BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS, EVERYONE REALLY INVOLVED IN
23 BRINGING A HOUSE TO MARKET FOR SALE SO PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE
24 THEIR DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP. THAT'S LARGE AND SMALL
25 DEVELOPERS, ENGINEERS, DRYWALLERS, LANDSCAPERS, THE ENTIRE



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1 TRADE IS INVOLVED IN OUR ASSOCIATION. YOU'VE SEEN MY LETTER,
2 I'M SURE, AT THIS POINT, AND GIVEN THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY,
3 WE DO THINK THIS IS A BAD TIME TO BE RAISING FEES. WE FOUND IT
4 PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THAT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE OUTREACH TO
5 OUR ASSOCIATION AND TO OUR MEMBERS ABOUT THE FEE INCREASES.
6 AND WE FEEL THAT IT IS -- THAT IT FEELS MORE LIKE A BUDGET
7 FILL THAN A FULL ANALYSIS OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO OPERATE THE
8 DEPARTMENT. AS YOU HAVE INDICATED IN YOUR DISCUSSION, UNDER
9 STATE LAW THE FEES HAVE TO BE RELATED TO THE WORK THAT THEY'RE
10 PAYING FOR. AT THIS POINT, WE'RE NOT SURE IF THAT REAL
11 ANALYSIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE THINK THAT IT NEEDS TO BE
12 OCCURRING. AND IF THERE'S ONE GOOD THING THAT HAS COME OUT OF
13 THIS DISCUSSION IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT
14 THIS FEE INCREASE HAS BEEN THE HEIGHTENED AWARENESS WITHIN
15 YOUR OFFICES ABOUT THE NEED FOR SOME CHANGE WITHIN THE
16 DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF NEW PERFORMANCE MEASURES, NEW
17 ACCOUNTABILITY, IN TERMS OF HOW ACCOUNTING IS DONE, IN TERMS
18 OF TURN-AROUND TIMES. WE THINK THAT ATTENTION IS GOOD. WE ARE
19 HOPEFUL THAT NEW APPOINTEE BRUCKNER IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE TO
20 MAKE SOME OF THE CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN TURN THIS INTO AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE PROJECTS FASTER IN ORDER TO GET SOME
22 PEOPLE BACK TO WORK, GET SOME CONSTRUCTION GOING AND GET BACK
23 TO SOME -- GET SOME ECONOMIC ACTIVITY GOING IN THE HOUSING
24 SECTOR. SO WE'RE CONCERNED THAT THE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY
25 JUSTIFIED. THE B.I.A. TYPICALLY, WHEN AN ANALYSIS LIKE THAT



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1 OCCURS, WE HAVE NOT OPPOSED THOSE FEES. BUT AS YOU SEE RIGHT
2 NOW, WE DON'T FEEL THAT THAT ANALYSIS HAS OCCURRED, SO WE
3 REMAIN VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FEES. IF YOU DID MOVE
4 FORWARD AND HAVE TO ADOPT THESE TODAY, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU
5 LOOK AT HOW YOU CAN OFFSET THAT IMPACT. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN
6 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND IMPROVED TURN-AROUND TIMES,
7 IMPROVED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THAT WILL HELP
8 MOVE THINGS FORWARD AND AGAIN PUT SOME PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. AS
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH INDICATED, MANY JURISDICTIONS ARE
10 LOWERING THEIR FEES, CHANGING WHEN FEES ARE PAID, ESPECIALLY
11 THEIR IMPACT FEES. THAT IS A SIGNAL TO THE INDUSTRY THAT YOU
12 WANT TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD. THEN I THINK THERE ARE THINGS WE
13 CAN DO HERE TO CREATE A BETTER ECONOMIC CLIMATE FOR THE
14 HOUSING INDUSTRY. I WELCOME THE MOTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO
15 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO GATHER THE INFORMATION, TO TRY TO
16 FIND SOME IMPROVEMENTS, BECAUSE WE DO THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY
17 NECESSARY. AND IF THAT IS THE INDICATION, WE STAND READY TO
18 ASSIST. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US AS
21 AMENDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT
22 ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THAT IS ITEM NO. 6.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC
25 HEARING ITEMS. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE RESULTS FROM ITEM



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1 NO. 2 AND 3, BUT WE'LL RETURN TO THOSE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE
2 THEM.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. MY ITEMS
5 ARE UP FIRST AND I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, BUT I DO HAVE
6 AN ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18, IT'S AN AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION.
7 THIS IS THE FOOD BANK MOTION. AND BASICALLY WHAT IT DOES IS IT
8 ASKS THAT WE EXTEND OR EXPAND WHAT THIS MOTION IS ALREADY
9 DOING TO APPROVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF
10 D.P.S.S. TO WORK WITH -- WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED? THE
11 L.A.R.F.B., TO EXPAND ADDITIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO UP
12 TO 40 ADDITIONAL PANTRIES FOR A TOTAL OF 60 PANTRIES
13 THROUGHOUT 2010 AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT AS
14 NECESSARY. AND OF COURSE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE
15 BOARD OFFICES REGARDING THE SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL FOOD
16 PANTRIES AND TO APPROVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO D.P.S.S. I
17 DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE WITHDREW HIS NAME.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE IS NO SPEAKER ON IT NOW. ALL RIGHT
22 ANY OBJECTION? AS AMENDED, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. LET ME SEE.
23 I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY OTHER ITEM. ALL RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HELLO, MR. KNABE. I HAVE A COUPLE ITEMS
2 THAT I'D LIKE TO FOCUS ON, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST IS ITEM 9. I AM
3 OF THE VIEW THAT WE HAVE A REVISED MOTION THAT I THINK
4 REFLECTS THE SENTIMENT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD, IF NOT
5 ALL, NAMELY THAT OF STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTIVE INFORMATION
6 SYSTEMS. THE REVISIONS SUBSTANTIVELY GO TO THE ISSUE OF, ONE,
7 RETAINING AND IMPROVING WHAT IS IN PLACE WITH RESPECT TO F.C.I.
8 -- OH, SORRY. HOLD ON, SORRY. HAS IT NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED? THE
9 IDEA IN SUBSTANCE IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONTINUING TO
10 IMPROVE F.C.I. TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH CAN BE THE CASE AND
11 THERE IS STRONG SENSE THAT IT CAN BE. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT,
12 TO EXAMINE OTHER INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS AND
13 DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, BEST PRACTICES COULD BE LEGALLY
14 INTEGRATED INTO OUR EXISTING SYSTEMS AND REPORT BACK IN 60
15 DAYS. AND THEN TO TRACK AND REPORT BACK PRELIMINARILY IN SIX
16 MONTHS AND THEN ULTIMATELY FINALLY 12 MONTHS ON THE OVERALL
17 WORK AND EFFICACY OF F.C.I., INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:
18 QUALITY OF INFORMATION, LEVEL OF USAGE BY COUNTY STAFF,
19 ABILITY OF THE LEADERSHIP AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHICH
20 PARTICIPATE IN F.C.I. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MOVES US FORWARD IN
21 A WAY THAT DOESN'T DISCARD F.C.I., BUT AUGMENTS IT WITH THE
22 BENEFIT OF LOOKING AT OTHER SYSTEMS THAT COULD HELP US DO A
23 BETTER JOB IN THE AREA IN WHICH ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED.
24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON YOUR B, DO YOU MEAN SIX TWELVE MONTHS?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO I WOULD SUGGEST WITH B -- I THINK WE
3 NEED TO KNOW SOMETHING PRELIMINARILY IN SIX MONTHS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN SIX TWELVE MONTHS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE FIRST ONE IS A PRELIMINARY AT SIX
8 MONTHS AND ULTIMATELY THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO US
9 MORE DEFINITELY BY TWELVE MONTHS IS WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING
10 TO COMMUNICATE. SO I WOULD SO MOVE, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WE HAVE
15 VARIOUS SPEAKERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. MIKE ROSS,
16 FOLLOWED BY STEVEN SIMON, FOLLOWED BY CONNIE WATSON, IF THEY'D
17 JOIN US.

18

19 **MIKE ROSS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M HERE TODAY TO OFFER S.E.I.U.
20 LOCAL 721'S SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO LOOK INTO DEVELOPMENT OF
21 AN INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM THAT COULD
22 DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE UPON D.C.F.S. FAMILY CHILD INDEX. AFTER
23 MANY YEARS OF USING AN UNDERPERFORMING CLIENT INFORMATION
24 SYSTEM, L.A. COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE CHILDREN WE SERVE
25 DESERVE A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES THE INFORMATION WE NEED THE



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1 MOMENT THAT WE NEED IT. THE CURRENT SYSTEM FALLS SHORT IN TWO
2 WAYS: FIRST, IT PROVIDES NO INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPATING
3 AGENCIES TO UPDATE IT. WHICH MEANS THAT IF A CHILD OR A PARENT
4 HAS A HISTORY OF PROBATION, D.M.H., THE SHERIFF OFFICE OR
5 OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE
6 DEPARTMENTS HAVE UPDATED THE DATABASE TO INDICATE THAT
7 HISTORY. SECOND, IT IMPOSES A TIME CONSUMING PROCESS ON SOCIAL
8 WORKERS, WHO DEAL WITH INCREDIBLY TIME-SENSITIVE CASES. AN
9 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOCIAL WORKER WITH AN IMMEDIATE REFERRAL
10 HAS TO RESPOND WITHIN TWO HOURS. WHEN HE OR SHE CONSULTS THE
11 F.C.I., SHE HAS TO WAIT UP TO THREE DAYS TO RECEIVE THE
12 NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS. DURING THOSE
13 THREE DAYS HE OR SHE HAS TO CALL ANY OFFICE WITH A HIT IN THE
14 F.C.I., AND MANY TIMES THERE'S NO CLEARLY IDENTIFIED LIAISON.
15 PER STATE LAW, SOME DEPARTMENTS REQUIRE THE CREATION OF A
16 THREE-PERSON, MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM BEFORE ANY INFORMATION IS
17 EXCHANGED. AND IN MANY CASES THE D.M.H., THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS
18 TO MEET WITH OTHER COUNTY STAFF IN PERSON. FRONT-END SOCIAL
19 WORKERS' CORE MISSION IS TO GO OUT IN THE FIELD AND DO SOLID
20 INVESTIGATIONS THAT DETERMINE WHETHER CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER.
21 F.C.I. DETRACTS FROM THAT BASIC FUNCTION, CREATING MORE WORK
22 FOR SOCIAL WORKERS INSTEAD OF LESS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
23 DEPARTMENT NEEDS A REVAMPED SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION
24 MORE QUICKLY TO ALLOW SOCIAL WORKERS TO RESPOND WITH THAT
25 INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS MOTION IS A FIRST STEP



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1 TOWARD MAKING THAT HAPPEN. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CANNOT THINK
2 OF A REDESIGNED INFORMATION SYSTEM AS A SILVER BULLET IN
3 PROTECTING THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. KNOWING A
4 FAMILY HISTORY WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IS ONE IMPORTANT
5 PIECE OF OUR WORK. SOCIAL WORKERS NEED THE TIME AND THE
6 RESOURCES THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM MOST OF THEIR TIME DOING THE
7 INVESTIGATIVE WORK THAT KEEPS KIDS SAFE. LOCAL 721 DEVELOPED A
8 COMPREHENSIVE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE PRESENTED TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT AND TO EACH BOARD OFFICE, A REVAMPED F.C.I. IS JUST
10 ONE OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. REAL SOLUTIONS TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT'S PROBLEMS NEED TO INCLUDE IMPROVED TRAINING,
12 INCREASED ASSETS TO RESOURCES SUCH AS CITRIX LICENSES,
13 CELLULAR PHONES AND LAPTOPS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FRONT-END
14 STAFF TO ALLOW FOR MANAGEABLE CASELOADS IN THE FACE OF MORE
15 THAN 12,000 NEW REFERRALS THAT COME IN EACH MONTH IN ADDITION
16 TO THE 8,000 OVER-30 BACKLOG CURRENTLY IN THE SYSTEM. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SIMON?

20

21 **STEVE SIMON:** I ACTUALLY DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO MIKE'S
22 TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE UNION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE I CALL ON MISS WATSON,
25 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS. MISS WATSON?



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CONNIE WATSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CONNIE WATSON. I'M
DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE WHO CARE YOUTH CENTER AND OUR AGENCY WORKS
WITH CHILDREN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES SYSTEMS. I CAN DITTO MOST OF WHAT THE GENTLEMAN SPOKE
OF RIGHT BEFORE ME. MY TWO MAJOR ISSUES, HOWEVER, WITH THE
CURRENT F.C.I. SYSTEM, NUMBER ONE, CERTAINLY IS THE TIMELINESS
IN WHICH INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE WHILE A CHILD REMAINS
AT GREAT RISK. BUT SECONDLY, THERE IS NO GENERAL OVERSIGHT OR
ACCOUNTABILITY AS TO HOW THE SYSTEM GETS USED OR WHEN IT GETS
USED. IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO ACCESS IT
HOWEVER IT CAN BE DONE AT THE BEGINNING OF AN INVESTIGATION OR
AT THE END OF AN INVESTIGATION. SO PRIMARILY, A CHILD STILL
REMAINS AT RISK. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THIS BOARD TO VOTE ON
THIS MOTION TO CERTAINLY LOOK AT A SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW
INFORMATION TO BE EXCHANGED IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT
CHILDREN ARE AT AS LESS RISK AS POSSIBLE. I THINK YOUR PASSING
OF THE MOTION WILL INDICATE HOW YOU VALUE CHILDREN IN THE L.A.
COUNTY AREA. THANK YOU.

20

SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, GREAT. DR. CLAVREUL?

22

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
CLAVREUL. WELL YOU KNOW I HAVE ALWAYS MY SAME QUESTION ABOUT
THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU

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1 KNOW, I STILL NEVER HAVE RECEIVED FULL INFORMATION OF HOW MANY
2 CONTRACTS YOU HAVE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THE INFORMATION
3 TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING EVERY DAY. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT
4 WOULD BE NICE THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY HAVE A GROUP WHO
5 CAN MAKE DECISIONS TO REVIEW THOSE SYSTEMS WHICH ARE THE BEST.
6 AND THAT CERTAINLY IS THE TASK. BUT IT SURELY CAN BE DONE. AND
7 I HAVE FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SINCE
8 1980. AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE WELL-TRAINED TO
9 UTILIZE THAT TECHNOLOGY, OTHERWISE IT CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS
10 THAN NO TECHNOLOGY AT ALL. SO I WILL KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT'S
11 COMING UP. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
16 HELD THIS BASICALLY BECAUSE I KIND OF LOOKED AT, ON THE
17 AGENDA, I LOOKED AT ITEM 25. AND ITEM 25 ALSO DESCRIBES AN
18 INFORMATION SHARING PROGRAM, THE HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING
19 PROGRAM. AND THAT'S BEEN REQUESTED SINCE JUNE OF 2009. SO
20 THAT'S A YEAR, ALMOST A YEAR NOW AND YOU'RE WAITING. I MEAN
21 YOU HAVE INFORMATION PROGRAMS YOU'RE LOOKING OVER AT 25 AND
22 NO. 9 YOU'RE PLANNING ON DOING ANOTHER INFORMATION SHARING
23 PROGRAM, AND YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE FIRST ONE TOGETHER. AND, I
24 DON'T KNOW, IT JUST SEEMS TO BE THE STATUS QUO WITH THE
25 PROGRAMS THAT YOU INITIATE THAT WE WILL DO IT, WE'LL START IT



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1 AND WE'LL GET IT. AND THEN NOTHING. IT PETERS OUT. AND I MEAN,
2 I IMAGINE THIS IS IN KIND OF RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLE IN THE
3 L.A. TIMES FROM APRIL 3RD. AND THEN ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE,
4 IT STATED THAT MR. FUJIOKA LOOKED AT 11 SYSTEMS, REVIEWED 11
5 SYSTEMS. SO DID THEY REVIEW ANY OF THE STATE LAWS? BECAUSE IN
6 THE ARTICLE, IT SAYS THAT YOU'RE HELD BACK BY STATE LAWS,
7 ALSO. SO HAVE YOU ADDRESSED THE STATE LAWS THAT NEED TO BE
8 ADDRESSED? HAVE YOU SENT THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
9 GOVERNOR? HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE LEGISLATURE? IN ORDER TO, I
10 MEAN, IMPROVE THIS INFORMATION SHARING PROGRAM, IF YOU DON'T
11 CARE OF THOSE STEPS, THEN YOU'RE RIGHT BACK TO SQUARE ONE AND
12 GLOSSED OVER LIKE THE STATUS QUO. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A MOTION
15 BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND -- OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FULL SPEED AHEAD, IF
18 THIS MOTION IS APPROVED, MOVE FULL SPEED AHEAD AS HAS BEEN THE
19 CASE ON THE FAMILY CHILDREN INDEX AND GETTING IT MAXIMIZED AS
20 TO ITS USES.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE HAVEN'T STOPPED THAT EFFORT.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. BUT THAT IS NOW GOING TO BE OUR
2 PRINCIPAL EFFORT, PLUS YOU'LL BE LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS TO
3 ADAPT OTHER TECHNOLOGIES TO THE F.C.I. SYSTEM?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION? NOT ON THIS
10 ITEM. EVERYBODY SPOKE ON THIS ITEM. OKAY. IF THERE IS NO
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO CALL
14 ITEM 10, I THINK IT WAS BEING HELD FOR TESTIMONY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 10? WE HAVE QUITE A FEW SPEAKERS. IF
17 COULD ASK ERICA DARROUGH TO JOIN US, FOLLOWED BY TONY WATSON.
18 MARLENE ROWLETT. ARE THEY NOT HERE? AND THERESA SMITH. MISS
19 DARROUGH IS HERE? IF YOU WOULD BEGIN, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

20

21 **ERICA DARROUGH:** HI. MY NAME IS ERICA DARROUGH, I'M HERE
22 REPRESENTING GREAT BEGINNINGS FOR BLACK BABIES. I WAS COMING
23 HERE TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN IN THIS PROGRAM SINCE 2007 AND IT'S
24 BEEN A REAL BIG IMPACT ON MY LIFE. IF THEY WASN'T HERE, I
25 DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE. I DONE HAD TWO CLOTHS DEATHS TO



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1 ME. MY SECOND DAUGHTER'S FATHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS SIX
2 WEEKS PREGNANT WITH HER, AND THEY WERE A MAJOR HELP ON ME. AND
3 I JUST LOST MY FIANCE RECENTLY, THIS YEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF
4 FEBRUARY. AND IF THEY WEREN'T HERE FOR US, I DON'T KNOW WHERE
5 I WOULD BE OR WHERE ANY OF THE OTHER YOUNG LADIES WOULD BE AT
6 THIS TIME. BUT I'M JUST HERE TO SAY THAT I WISH THIS PROGRAM
7 WOULD CONTINUE GOING ON BECAUSE THEY'RE LIKE A BIG SECOND
8 FAMILY TO ME RIGHT ABOUT NOW BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH
9 THROUGH THESE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AND YEARS. BUT I JUST WANT
10 TO SAY THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS WATSON?

13

14 **TONY LESHAWN WATSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TONY LESHAWN
15 WATSON. I WORK FOR GREAT BEGINNINGS FOR BLACK BABIES, AND I'M
16 HERE REPRESENTING CLIENTS AS WELL AS THE SEVEN SUBCONTRACTORS
17 FOR BLACK INFANT HEALTH. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS AND YAROSLAVSKY FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. WE WORK WITH
19 WOMEN WHO ARE AT RISK THROUGH OUTREACH AND ONE-ON-ONE
20 COUNSELING. BUILDING RAPPORT, WE EFFECT CHANGE IN AFRICAN-
21 AMERICAN WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. A BIT OF HISTORY. IN
22 1989, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ESTABLISHED
23 THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE ALARMING
24 MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
25 COMMUNITY. THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN



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1 CALIFORNIA WAS 19.2 DEATHS FOR EVERY 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS. 21
2 YEARS LATER, THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS
3 IN CALIFORNIA IS 13.7 DEATHS FOR EVERY LIVE BIRTH. FOR LATINA
4 WOMEN, THERE ARE 6.0 DEATHS FOR EVERY 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS. FOR
5 ASIAN WOMEN, THERE ARE 3.5 DEATHS FOR EVERY 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS
6 IN CALIFORNIA. AND FOR WHITE WOMEN, THERE ARE 5.6 DEATHS FOR
7 EVERY 1,000 LIVE BIRTH IN CALIFORNIA. AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN
8 ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDBIRTH THAN WHITE,
9 LATINO OR ASIAN WOMEN. THE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY, ON THE
10 BLACK INFANT HEALTH STAFF WILL BE GREATLY AFFECTED BY
11 ALLEVIATING THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM, EXCUSE ME, FROM
12 BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM, WE ASK FOR YOU TO PARTNER WITH US
13 TO CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK THAT WE DO. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS ROWLETT?

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17 **MARLENE ROWLETT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN. I ALWAYS LIKE TO
18 GET AGREEMENT WHEN I START TO HAVE ANY PRESENTATION, SO I
19 DIDN'T KNOW IF PUPPIES, I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF
20 PUPPIES, PERHAPS, MAYBE PRETTY GIRLS ARE GOOD? FLOWERS?
21 ANYBODY FOR FLOWERS? HOW ABOUT BABIES? BABIES ARE VERY
22 IMPORTANT. THE ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH EVERY DAY AT B.I.H.
23 ARE SO SERIOUS THAT I ALWAYS WANT TO GIVE HOPE. AND THERE IS
24 HOPE IN THIS PROGRAM. TONY ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE
25 STATISTICS. I DON'T WANT TO PREACH TO THE CHOIR. YOU ALL KNOW



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1 ABOUT THE STATISTICS. YOU KNOW THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN BABIES
2 DIE TWO TO THREE TIMES MORE THAN OTHERS. YOU ALL KNOW THE
3 STATISTICS IN YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. YOU KNOW WHAT
4 THOSE NUMBERS ARE. SO WE DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THOSE. WHAT I
5 DO WANT TO SAY IS SUPERVISOR KNABE STARTED OUT AND HE SAID
6 "LET'S HOPE THAT TODAY WE DO THE RIGHT THING AND NOT THE
7 POLITICAL THING." THAT'S BEEN MY PRAYER FOR MANY YEARS AS I'VE
8 WATCHED OUR GOVERNMENT MANY TIMES JUST DO WHAT WAS POLITICALLY
9 EXPEDIENT TO DO. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CHILDREN ARE OUR
10 FUTURE. IF WE DON'T GIVE BIRTH TO HEALTHY CHILDREN, NONE OF
11 THIS REALLY MATTERS. I'M OF THE BABY BOOMER GENERATION. WE'RE
12 GOING OUT THE DOOR HERE. I HOPE NOT, MAYBE 30 YEARS MORE, BUT
13 WE WON'T LAST FOREVER. WE NEED CHILDREN TO CARRY ON THE
14 LEGACY. AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN -- PEOPLE ASK ME ALL THE
15 TIME. WHY BLACK INFANT HEALTH? YOU KNOW, BECAUSE WE NEED IT
16 MOST. THAT'S WHY BLACK INFANT HEALTH. YOU KNOW, WE'VE MADE
17 ACCOMMODATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, LINGUISTICALLY I THINK FOR
18 PROBABLY EVERYBODY? MAYBE. AND IN THE SAME SENSE, CULTURALLY
19 WE NEED A PROGRAM THAT SPEAKS OUR LANGUAGE. THESE MOTHERS ARE
20 DEALING WITH HORRIFIC ISSUES THAT YOU CAN'T IMAGINE. INTIMATE
21 QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE TO ASK. WE HAVE TO HAVE A PROGRAM THAT
22 IS CULTURALLY SENSITIVE TO ADDRESS THAT. WHEN WE CAN AFFECT
23 THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHANGE THE WAY SHE THINKS AND MAKES
24 DECISIONS, WE WILL IMPACT THE LIVES OF BABIES. I CAN'T IMAGINE
25 WHO WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF A PROGRAM THAT IS SUCCESSFULLY



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1 SAVING BABIES. AND THAT'S B.I.H. WE HAVE A TRACK RECORD OF
2 SUCCESS. PLEASE, I IMPORE YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY, FOR YOUR DEDICATION IN WORKING WITH MY DISTRICT
4 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, YOUR DEPUTY, CAROL, A GREAT
5 ADVOCATE FOR US. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'VE BEEN A
6 CHAMPION FOR US. WE NEED IT. HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE WORKING
7 WITH US. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE EBONY SCOTT,
10 DESHIA PHILLIPS AND BRANDI BLANCHARD. MISS SMITH.

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12 **THERESA SMITH:** HI, I'M THERESA SMITH FROM THE PASADENA SITE,
13 LINKED TO THE PASADENA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, I'M ONE OF
14 THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS, A LEAD WORKER. AND I MUST SAY
15 THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN INSPIRATIONAL IN MY LIFE PERSONALLY
16 AND AS WELL AS HELPING THE WOMEN. WHEN I CAME TO WORK FOR THE
17 PROGRAM, I WAS ACTUALLY APPLYING FOR A.F.D.C. IN THE COUNTY
18 OFFICE WHEN I MET A WORKER WHO BEGAN TO TALK TO ME AND I BEGAN
19 TO TELL HER WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH MY LIFE. I HAD JUST
20 STARTED. I JUST BECAME A PARENT AND I JUST REALIZED WHAT I
21 WANTED TO DO WITH MY LIFE. AND I HAVE BEEN WITH BLACK INFANT
22 HEALTH SINCE 2001. AND I'VE SEEN A LOT HAPPEN. AND BECAUSE OF
23 THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO -- AND
24 BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING THROUGH FIRST FIVE L.A., WE WERE ABLE
25 TO DO A PRECONCEPTION HEALTH CAMPAIGN WHERE WE WENT INTO THE



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1 HIGH SCHOOLS AND WE WENT INTO THE GROUP HOMES AND TALKED ABOUT
2 SAFE SEX AND WAITING TO HAVE A BABY. AND THROUGH THAT CAMPAIGN
3 THAT WE DID, A LOT OF TEENS WE FOUND -- WE DID SURVEYS. WE
4 FOUND THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT HAVING A BABY.
5 AND BY THE TIME WE WERE DONE WITH THE TEEN PANEL, THEY CHANGED
6 THEIR MIND. AND SO WITH THAT, THAT'S A BIG, BIG, BIG DEAL.
7 IT'S A REALLY BIG DEAL. WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO HIRE TWO MORE
8 STAFF, WHICH I WAS CASE MANAGING 60 CLIENTS ON MY OWN. AND NOW
9 THAT WE HAVE ADDITIONAL STAFF, OUR CASELOAD HAS INCREASED. I
10 HAVE HELP, AND I'M NOT OVERWHELMED AND STRESSED TAKING CARE OF
11 OUR CLIENTS AND ASSISTING THEM AND LINKING THEM TO DIFFERENT
12 REFERRALS IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR
13 TIME AND EFFORT THAT YOU'RE TAKING TO HEAR EACH AND EVERY ONE
14 OF US TODAY. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US, AS
15 WELL. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MISS STACEY POWELL, IF SHE WOULD
18 JOIN US? MISS SCOTT? IS MISS SCOTT HERE? ALL RIGHT. HOW ABOUT
19 MISS PHILLIPS? ALL RIGHT. HOW ABOUT MISS BLANCHARD? OKAY.

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21 **BRANDI BLANCHARD:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS BRANDI
22 BLANCHARD. AND I JUST WANT TO COME TO YOU FROM THE HEART AND
23 LET YOU KNOW HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO BE HIRED AS A COMMUNITY
24 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, TOO, WITH THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH
25 PROGRAM. BEFORE WORKING, I INTERNEED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WITH



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1 THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM. AND I JUST LEARNED THAT
2 THROUGH TIME AND PATIENCE, DEALING WITH MY CLIENTS, THE NEED
3 FOR THE PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL FOR THEM. THERE'S NO OTHER
4 PROGRAM LIKE THIS IN PASADENA, SO I HOPE THAT YOU'LL CONSIDER
5 THE FUNDING. MY CLIENTS, MAJORITY OF THEM, ARE IN NEED OF
6 HOUSING. THEY'RE IN NEED OF JUST SOCIAL SUPPORT, TALKING TO
7 THEM, MAKING SURE THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE BEING ADDRESSED. MOST
8 OF MY CLIENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW THEY DON'T GET THE SUPPORT
9 FROM THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS OR FROM JUST DOCTORS IN GENERAL. AND
10 BY US BEING THERE, THEY'RE ABLE TO GET THAT SUPPORT THAT THEY
11 NEED. AND BY ME WORKING THERE, YOU KNOW, I WON'T HAVE A JOB IN
12 JUNE. AND THE FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL FOR NOT JUST ME, BUT FOR
13 THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT I HAVE BUILT WITH MY CLIENTS. SO I HOPE
14 THAT YOU'LL CONSIDER THE FUNDING FOR JUNE. ALSO, WHEN YOU
15 THINK ABOUT THESE WOMEN, THESE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND HOW,
16 YOU KNOW, STATISTICALLY WE'RE SUFFERING FROM INFANT
17 MORTALITIES AND DIFFERENT THINGS OF THAT SORT, THE NEED IS
18 IMPORTANT. SO I JUST HOPE THAT YOU'LL CONSIDER THE FUNDING. I
19 THANK YOU FOR THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN, YOU KNOW, WORKING AT
20 THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM. SO THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MISS POWELL? MISS
23 BLANCHARD, I'M SORRY. AND MISS POWELL. GO AHEAD.

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1 **EBONY SCOTT:** MY NAME IS EBONY SCOTT. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
2 GREAT BEGINNINGS. THEY ARE REALLY IN SUPPORT OF REALLY BY US
3 GUYS DOING EVERYTHING, THEY'RE JUST LIKE A FAMILY AND A PART
4 OF US. AND I JUST HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE IT IN YOUR HEART TO
5 KEEP THE, YOU KNOW, THE COMPANY. AS FAR AS THE FUNDING IN
6 JUNE, THE HEALTH AND ALL, THEY HAVE BEEN REALLY A HELP TO, YOU
7 KNOW, BLACK INFANTS AND US WOMEN NEED IT. BECAUSE IT'S A LOT
8 OF SUPPORT FOR US. NOT ONLY US, OUR KIDS, YOU KNOW. WE
9 WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITHOUT THEM. AND I HOPE THAT YOU
10 GUYS WILL TAKE IT IN YOUR HEART, YOU KNOW, TO SUPPORT US.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. I LOST TRACK OF
14 WHO'S WHO. IS THIS MISS BLANCHARD HERE?

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16 **STACEY POWELL:** STACEY POWELL.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS MISS BLANCHARD HERE?

19

20 **DESHIA PHILLIPS:** MISS BLANCHARD JUST LEFT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WHO DO I HAVE HERE?

23

24 **DESHIA PHILLIPS:** I'M PHILLIPS, DESHIA PHILLIPS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, ALL RIGHT.

2

3 **STACEY POWELL:** STACEY POWELL.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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7 **STACEY POWELL:** ME?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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11 **STACEY POWELL:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
12 THOSE OF YOU WHO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS STACEY
13 POWELL. I'M PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE PROTOTYPES BLACK INFANT
14 HEALTH PROGRAM OUT IN POMONA. AND I'D LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR
15 ATTENTION A FEW THINGS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT
16 TODAY. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I WANTED TO MENTION IS I DON'T
17 KNOW IF YOU ALL ARE AWARE THAT FIRST FIVE POINTS TO BLACK
18 INFANT HEALTH IN THEIR BLUEPRINT AS BEING BEST PRACTICES FOR
19 THEIR BEST BABIES COLLABORATIVE. SO ALREADY WE'VE DEMONSTRATED
20 THAT WE'RE A VERY VALUABLE ASSET TO FIRST FIVE. SECONDLY, I'D
21 LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE PLACE-BASED FUNDING STRATEGY. WHEN WE
22 CAME TO THE LAST MEETING, SOME OF MY CLIENTS WERE WITH ME. AND
23 ON THE WAY HOME, THEY ASKED ME, "ISN'T FIRST FIVE MONEY FROM
24 TOBACCO MONEY?" AND I SAID "YES." AND THEY SAID, "WELL DON'T A
25 LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE SMOKE?" AND I SAID, "YES." AND



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1 THEY SAID, "BUT SOME OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS" -- AND THEY KNOW
2 THAT I AT ONE TIME WORKED WITH THE BEST BABIES COLLABORATIVE
3 AND THEY KNEW THAT THEIR ZIP CODES WERE NOT REPRESENTED. THEY
4 COULD NOT BELONG TO THAT PROGRAM. AND THEY ASKED ME, THEY SAID
5 "WELL THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAVE, WE'RE NOT REPRESENTED IN
6 THOSE ZIP CODES." AND I SAID, "THAT IS CORRECT." AND SO I
7 GUESS I'M HERE TODAY, TOO, SO THAT YOU ALL CAN BE AWARE OF
8 THAT FACT, THAT THE FIRST FIVE MONEY THAT IS OUT THERE IS NOT
9 COMING BACK TO THE VERY COMMUNITY THAT TOBACCO USE IMPACTS.
10 AND SO I'D LIKE TO BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION. AND, THIRDLY,
11 THE LAST THING IS THAT FIRST FIVE'S STRATEGIC PLAN, THE NUMBER
12 ONE GOAL IS TO HAVE HEALTHY BABIES. AND HERE IN YOUR OWN
13 LITERATURE, IN FIRST FIVE'S LITERATURE, IT STATES THAT FOR
14 EVERY HEALTHY BABY, THE AVERAGE COST IS \$1,900 FOR THAT BIRTH.
15 FOR A BABY THAT'S BORN BELOW BIRTH WEIGHT, IT'S \$6,200. IF
16 THIS FUNDING DOES NOT CONTINUE IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
17 COMMUNITY, IT IS GOING TO COST US MORE LATER. WE MIGHT AS WELL
18 SPEND THE MONEY NOW. SO I URGE YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT BLACK
19 INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM. AND ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 SUPPORT FOR TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE?

23

24 **DESHIA PHILLIPS:** HI, I'M DESHIA PHILLIPS. I WORK FOR THE
25 PASADENA BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM, AND I WAS A CLIENT AT



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1 ONE TIME. AND I BIRTHED A SON, 9 POUNDS 12 OUNCES. AND MY
2 SECOND SON I BIRTHED AT 8 POUNDS AND 6 OUNCES. SO I HAD TWO
3 HEALTHY BABIES BECAUSE OF BLACK INFANT HEALTH. I'M ON MY THIRD
4 CHILD. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A HEALTHY BABY ON THIS TIME. IF WE
5 DON'T, IF YOU GUYS DON'T HONOR THE FUNDING, I WORK FOR BLACK
6 INFANT HEALTH. I'M A COUNSELOR FOR BLACK INFANT AND HEALTH. IF
7 WE DON'T HONOR THE FUND, IF YOU GUYS DON'T HONOR THE FUND,
8 I'LL BE A CLIENT OF INFANT AND HEALTH. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT I
9 WANT. MY JOB ENDS IN JUNE. I DON'T WANT TO BE ONE OF THE
10 CLIENTS THAT HAS TO COME THERE AND SAY THAT I'M HOMELESS OR I
11 DON'T HAVE ANY FOOD TO EAT, I NEED TO GO TO FOOD BANK. THIS
12 JOB IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO MY CLIENTS AND TO THIS BABY
13 AND TO THEIR BABIES. SO I BEG YOU GUYS TO GIVE US THIS
14 FUNDING.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. THAT COMPLETES
17 THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM, MADAM CHAIR, AS IT
20 IS BEFORE US.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. I'M ABSTAINING.
23 IS THERE ANY OTHER OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT.
24 NEXT ITEM?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS,
2 MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU WOULD PREFER TO GET TO
3 THEM. BUT ITEM 26-C, DEALING WITH THE USE OF EXISTING DATA
4 SYSTEMS TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF NONPERFORMING
5 CONTRACTORS. AND MAYBE WE CAN HAVE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER JUST
6 PROVIDE CLARIFICATION. LET ME JUST UNDERScore, THIS IS A
7 REPORT BACK ITEM, ITEM NO. 26-C.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 26?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** C. WE HAVE, OF COURSE ARNOLD SACHS, DR.
14 CLAVREUL AND JOHN WALSH. DO YOU WANT A REPORT FIRST?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ITEM. I WANTED
21 TO UNDERScore THAT THE CONCERN THAT HAD BEEN RAISED BY SOME
22 THAT WE WERE SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY, THIS IS A
23 REPORT BACK PURSUANT TO OUR TRYING TO DO A BETTER JOB IN THIS
24 VENUE. AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FURTHER



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1 CLARIFYING THAT. AND I THINK MR. KNABE HAD A COUPLE OF
2 QUESTIONS THAT HE WANTED TO HELP US CLARIFY, AS WELL.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD WITH MY QUESTIONS?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAD JUST WITH I THINK
9 MORE IN CLARIFICATION THAN WITH THE ISSUE ITSELF, PARTICULARLY
10 AS IT RELATES -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A DEBARRING PROCESS, IF A
11 CONTRACTOR IS REALLY BAD. AND MY CONCERN THE WAY THIS READS IS
12 THAT "DO NOT CALL LIST" WOULD SORT OF CREATE A BLACK LIST OF
13 SOME SORT. AND I HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO
14 OFFER THAT SORT OF ADDRESSES, YOU KNOW, ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT
15 I HAVE. AND YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS, AS WELL, AND IF MY
16 STAFF COULD PASS IT OUT. I AGREE THAT A DATABASE USED TO TRACK
17 POORLY PERFORMING CONTRACTORS WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE
18 COUNTY. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT ANY SYSTEM LIKE THIS NEEDS TO
19 HAVE CLEARLY DEFINED RULES AND PARAMETERS. SO I WOULD JUST ASK
20 THAT THE WORKING GROUPS REPORT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: ONE
21 IS AN EXAMINATION OF WHAT MECHANISMS AND/OR DATABASES THE
22 COUNTY ALREADY HAS IN PLACE TO MONITOR ITS CONTRACTORS SO THAT
23 WE CAN UTILIZE WHAT IS CURRENTLY WORKING. ALSO A MORE
24 APPROPRIATE TERM THAN A "DO NOT CALL LIST" FOR THE DATABASE
25 THAT WILL TRACK THE COUNTY'S POORLY PERFORMING CONTRACTORS, A



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1 CLEARLY DEFINED PURPOSE FOR THE LIST, A MECHANISM TO REMOVE
2 CONTRACTORS FROM THAT LIST THAT HAVE COMPLIED WITH THEIR
3 OBLIGATIONS ALONG WITH APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION, AS WELL AS
4 CLEARLY DEFINED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNTY STAFF
5 CHARGED WITH UPDATING THIS LIST. BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY
6 IMPORTANT BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THAT COULD BE SWAYED IF THERE ARE
7 NOT DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES AND WAYS TO DO IT COULD REALLY,
8 FROM A PROBLEM IN I.S.D. TO PUBLIC WORKS TO AUDITOR-
9 CONTROLLER, OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE WITH OUR CONTRACTORS. AND
10 THAT WOULD BE MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD ACCEPT THOSE, MR. KNABE. IT'S
13 CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL THRUST THAT ESSENTIALLY
14 ACKNOWLEDGES AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A
15 MECHANISM IN PLACE TO ALERT DEPARTMENTS ABOUT POORLY
16 PERFORMING CONTRACTORS. AND OBVIOUSLY THE LACK OF SUCH IS
17 VERY, VERY TROUBLESOME WHEN YOU DEAL WITH ISSUES OF MENTAL
18 HEALTH, HEALTH AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL SERVICES INVOLVING
19 CHILDREN AND OTHERS. SO THERE'S NOTHING THAT YOU ARE CALLING
20 FOR HERE THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE THRUST OF WHAT WE'RE
21 TRYING TO DO, WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT
22 ENCOURAGING AND/OR LETTING THOSE POORLY PERFORMING CONTRACTORS
23 SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS, FOR THE LACK OF A BETTER
24 CHARACTERIZATION, AND DO HARM RATHER THAN GOOD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK ALSO THAT WE ADD ONE OTHER THING
2 TO YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND THAT IS TO DEFINE
3 "POORLY PERFORMING." THAT'S A VERY BROAD TERM. AND I THINK
4 THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME ATTENTION GIVEN TO THAT. THE SECOND
5 THING I WANTED TO JUST SAY IS I WANT TO SEE WHAT THE OPTIONS
6 ARE. I HOPE THIS IS NOT INTERPRETED AS OFTEN HAPPENS HERE AS A
7 DIRECTION TO GO IMPLEMENT SOMETHING. I THINK THIS IS A REPORT
8 BACK.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS A REPORT BACK.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MORE OR LESS THE FEASIBILITY, HOW YOU WOULD
13 DO IT, WHETHER IT'S DESIRABLE. THERE ARE SOME DEPARTMENTS THAT
14 DO HAVE GOOD ALERT SYSTEMS. THEY HAVE CAUGHT THINGS. AND
15 SOMETIMES THERE ARE OTHER REASONS WHY -- I RECALL ONE IN THE
16 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE REPORT AND SOMETIMES THERE ARE
17 OTHER FACTORS WHY THEY DON'T GET IMPLEMENTED, BUT THERE ARE
18 SOME DEPARTMENTS WHERE THERE MAY NOT BE AS GOOD AN ALERT
19 SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT KIND OF ANALYSIS OF WHAT'S WORKING,
20 WHAT ISN'T WORKING, WHERE IS IT WORKING, WHERE IS IT NOT
21 WORKING, LET'S TAKE THE THINGS THAT WORK AND IMPLEMENT THEM
22 EVERYWHERE, IF POSSIBLE, WITHOUT REINVENTING THE WHEEL. AND I
23 THINK THAT'S THE WAY I READ THIS, IS A REPORT BACK TO GET THE
24 LAY OF THE LAND. BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS THAT
25 DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB AT FINDING CONTRACTORS WHO ARE VIOLATING



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1 THEIR CONTRACT AND WE GET NOTIFIED OF THAT ALL THE TIME,
2 SOMETIMES BY YOUR DEPARTMENT AFTER A COMPLAINT AND SOMETIMES
3 BY THE DEPARTMENT THEMSELVES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST SIMPLY UNDERSCORE THE SPECIFIC
6 THING THAT I UNDERSTAND WE'RE DRIVING AT. ONE DEPARTMENT MAY
7 HAVE THAT UNDERSTANDING, BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY GET
8 COMMUNICATED TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
9 YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR THIS PIECE. IT IS THE CASE AND I THINK
10 YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES WITHIN THE
11 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, BUT THE REAL CHALLENGE HERE IS: THOSE
12 GOOD DEPARTMENTS, LET'S CALL THEM, THAT ARE IDENTIFYING AND
13 DEALING WITH THE ISSUES, ARE NOT NECESSARILY COMMUNICATING
14 WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS FULLY POSSIBLE THAT
15 THE CONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT DOING WELL WOULD NOT BE KNOWN TO
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND, THEREFORE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT -- AND
17 I THINK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER MIGHT BE ABLE TO AMPLIFY ON
18 THAT POINT.

19

20 **WENDY WATANABE:** SUPERVISORS, WENDY WATANABE, THE AUDITOR-
21 CONTROLLER. WE DEFINITELY WILL WORK WITH THREE OTHER
22 DEPARTMENTS, THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL AND I.S.D. TO CREATE
23 THIS DATABASE THAT WILL COVER -- THE FOCUS NOW IS MORE ON THE
24 SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTORS THAT SERVE D.C.F.S., D.H.S. AND
25 D.P.S., D.P.H. AND PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. SO RIGHT NOW, AS



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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, THAT THERE ISN'T A SHARED
2 COMMON DATABASE, SO THEREFORE THESE DEPARTMENTS ARE OFTENTIMES
3 IN SILOS. AND THEY MAY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ONE CONTRACTOR, BUT
4 THIS INFORMATION ISN'T BEING SHARED BY ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. SO
5 MEANWHILE, THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CONTRACT
6 WITH SUCH CONTRACTORS. NOW, IN THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS,
7 2008/'09 AND 2009/'10, WE HAVE ISSUED ABOUT 277 SOCIAL
8 SERVICES CONTRACT PROGRAMS AND FISCAL AUDIT REPORTS, INCLUDING
9 THE GROUP HOME AND FAMILY FOSTER AGENCIES, WORKFORCE
10 INVESTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
11 CONTRACTS, AND WE FOUND A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THESE AUDITS
12 HAVE WEAKNESSES OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND FISCAL VIABILITY
13 ISSUES. AND THESE WEAKNESSES INCLUDE QUESTIONABLE COSTS THAT
14 CONTRACTORS HAVE OVERBILLED THE COUNTY FOR THEIR SERVICES OR
15 SPENT PROGRAM FUNDS INAPPROPRIATELY OR SOMETIMES WITHOUT
16 REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. SO I THINK THE INTENT OF THE
17 MOTION IS, IF I INTERPRET IT CORRECTLY, IS TO HAVE THE FOUR
18 DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER AND VET OUT SOME OF THE
19 REQUIREMENTS. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THESE CONTRACTORS TO
20 BE EVEN INCLUDED ON THE, LACK OF BETTER WORDS, THE DO NOT CALL
21 LIST. AND ALSO WHAT IS THE CRITERIA LATER ON IF THE
22 CONTRACTORS DID CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES, SO WHAT WOULD THEN,
23 HOW WOULD THEY BE COMING OFF THE LIST? SO THESE ARE THE
24 DETAILS THAT THE WORKGROUP WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER AND REPORT
25 BACK TO YOUR BOARD.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THEY HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT. HAVE TO BE
3 CONSISTENT. I MEAN YOU CAN'T HAVE A SET OF RULES FOR I.S.D.
4 AND A SET OF RULES FOR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** WHATEVER IT MAY BE. THERE CAN'T BE, BECAUSE OF THE
9 POTENTIAL IMPACT, THERE JUST CAN'T BE A LOT OF LEEWAY THAT
10 WELL MAYBE -- YOU KNOW?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE POINT IS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE
15 THAT DRAMATICALLY. AND SOME OF THE CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE
16 SEEN, IT IS BECAUSE OF HOW IT IS FUNDED, THE WAY WE GET IT,
17 WHAT WE CAN DO. A PERFECT EXAMPLE, THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES
18 CONTRACTS. YOU CAN'T STOP THE MONEY FROM GOING TO THEM WHEN
19 THEY CHEAT US ON SOME MONEY. SO IT ISN'T CONSISTENT. THERE IS
20 ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT VARIATIONS AS TO HOW -- JUST SO THAT
21 YOU KNOW. IT'S ABSOLUTELY INCONSISTENT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THE THRUST OF
24 THE MOTION IS TO MOVE FORWARD AND TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
25 ARE, IN EFFECT, DEALING WITH SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST.



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1 AND I ACCEPT THE AMENDMENTS FROM BOTH SUPERVISORS KNABE AND
2 YAROSLAVSKY. I THINK IT MAKES IT CLEARER, STRONGER AND I WOULD
3 LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK AND THEREFORE I WOULD SO MOVE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A REPORT BACK. ALL
6 RIGHT. WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. ARNOLD SACHS IF YOU WOULD JOIN
7 US. AND MR. SACHS, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO ALSO DEAL WITH ITEM
8 NO. 7. DR. CLAVREUL, IF YOU WOULD JOIN US, AS WELL AS JOHN
9 WALSH. AND JOHN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO ALSO ADDRESS CS-1. SO
10 DR. CLAVREUL, YOU'RE UP HERE FIRST, WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN?

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
13 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 26-C, I HAVE BEEN WATCHING
14 VERY CLOSELY WHAT'S GOING ON. I JUST WONDER IN THE DO NOT CALL
15 LIST, IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE CAMDEN, NAVIGANT, MCCORMICK,
16 JUST TO NAME A FEW.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WOW, MAN. THAT'S HISTORY.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND ALSO, WHEN ARE YOU GOING AFTER
21 H.I.V. AND AIDS CONTRACT? EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS YOU
22 KNOW, YOU HAVE RENEWED THE CONTRACT WHERE A LOT OF THE
23 COMPANIES WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO H.I.V. AND AIDS PATIENTS ARE
24 NOT PERFORMING AT THE MAXIMUM. I MEAN THOSE HAVE BEEN THE LAST
25 20 YEARS NOW. THEY SHOULD BE, YOU KNOW, DOING THE STUFF IN



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1 THEIR SLEEP. THEY'RE STILL NOT PERFORMING. EVERY YEAR WE RENEW
2 THE CONTRACT. SO I WISH YOU WERE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING AUDITS
3 AND NOT -- ALSO, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A -- I DON'T KNOW WHICH
4 FIRM YOU HAVE NOW TO TRY TO FIND US A MEDICAL DIRECTOR, BUT WE
5 DON'T HAVE A D.H.S. DIRECTOR. WE DON'T HAVE A MEDICAL
6 DIRECTOR. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE D.H.S.? WHO IS AT THE HEAD?
7 WE HAVE NOBODY WHO IS MEDICALLY QUALIFIED OR IN POSITION TO
8 RUN THAT DEPARTMENT. AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK A PERSON WHO
9 HAS A DEGREE IN ECONOMY IS A GOOD SOLUTION ON THE MEDICAL
10 SERVICES. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A HEAD
11 FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AT WHO IS
12 PROVIDING. BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE NOT FOUND SOMEBODY ALREADY, YOU
13 KNOW, IT'S SOMETHING WRONG TO WHO YOU ARE USING. I HAVE SEEN
14 NUMEROUS CONTRACTS IN THIS. IN BOTH WHEN WE ESPECIALLY CALLED
15 ABOUT CAMDEN AND NAVIGANT. WHEN YOU TRY TO ADD THOSE FIRMS I
16 CAME TO YOU. I DID DUE DILIGENCE IN A DIFFERENT STATE WHERE
17 THEY WERE NOT PERFORMING AND YOU CHOOSE TO HIRE THOSE PEOPLE.
18 AND, YOU KNOW, DO YOUR HOMEWORK, PLEASE. I CAN SPEAK TO
19 ANOTHER ITEM? SO SO I CAN GO HOME AND SLEEP?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE. I THINK.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DR. CLAVREUL, I UNDERSTAND YOU
24 ALSO WANT TO SPEAK ON S-1, IF YOU COULD DO SO NOW.

25



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL YEAH. S-1, I'M SEEING AGAIN THE
2 CHEAPING OUT. NOW WE ARE BACK TO 12 PERCENT OF PATIENTS
3 LEAVING THE E.R. WITHOUT BEING SERVED. IT WAS A LITTLE BIT
4 BETTER FOR A WHILE, NOW IT IS GOING BACK UP. THE LENGTH OF
5 STAY IN THE E.R. IS AGAIN EXTENDED. SO I JUST WOULD LIKE US TO
6 PAY A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION FOR THAT. AND ON 26, ON NO, IT WAS
7 25, ACTUALLY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, THAT'S THE ONE YOU DID.

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND ON 25 --

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT HASN'T BEEN CALLED YET.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH 25, I'M SORRY. ALL RIGHT, I'LL COME
16 BACK.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ARNOLD SACHS, ON THIS ITEM
19 AS WELL AS ITEM NO. 7, PLEASE.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. ALSO,
22 WHAT ABOUT INSTEAD OF POORLY PERFORMING CONTRACTORS, MAKING
23 THE LIST OF CONTRACTORS WHO ARE PERFORMING WELL AND/OR
24 EXCEEDING THE STANDARDS SET IN THE CONTRACTS? COULD YOU DO
25 THAT? YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE CONTRACTORS WHO ARE BEING



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1 ASKED FOR A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THEIR FEE. DOES THAT MAKE
2 THEM A GOOD PERFORMING CONTRACTOR OR A BAD PERFORMING
3 CONTRACT? OR IF THEY LIVED DOWN TO THE 10 PERCENT REDUCTION,
4 WHERE DOES THAT PLACE THEM? WHAT ABOUT SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS?
5 WHERE DOES THAT PLACE THOSE CONTRACTS? IS THERE A LIST OF
6 QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTOR? HOW MANY
7 CONTRACTS DO YOU GIVE OUT THAT ARE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS? A
8 LOT, I'M ASSUMING. AND YOU NEED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A
9 MECHANISM TO ALERT DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY'RE DEALING WITH A
10 CONTRACTOR WHO IS NEITHER LICENSED IN THE COUNTY OR IN THE
11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BECAUSE THAT HAPPENS ALSO. AND THAT IS
12 PARAMOUNT TO BEING A POOR PERFORMING CONTRACTOR. BECAUSE
13 THEY'RE NOT LICENSED. SO WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO LOSE? WHO CAN
14 YOU GO AFTER? ONCE THEY GET THE MONEY, YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE
15 SYSTEM. AND BY THE WAY, IT'S ANOTHER SYSTEM TO SHARE
16 INFORMATION. IT'S A THIRD SYSTEM IN TODAY'S AGENDA, SHARING
17 INFORMATION. GET ONE ESTABLISHED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID YOU DO NO. 7, AS WELL?
20 BECAUSE THAT WILL BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU WANT TO RECOGNIZE
2 IT'S COUNTY DRUG COURT MONTH. BUT MY QUESTION WOULD BE BEING
3 THAT THE COURTS ARE LAYING OFF PEOPLE RIGHT AND LEFT AND
4 CLOSING DOWN, THEY JUST LAID OFF OVER 300 PEOPLE AND IN
5 SEPTEMBER THEY EXPECT TO LAY OFF ANOTHER 400 PEOPLE, WHAT WILL
6 BE LEFT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY DRUG COURT MONTH? WHERE
7 WILL THEY BE HOLDING THESE COURT CASES? THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. WALSH?

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
12 FIRST OF ALL, DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT COMING EVERY WEEK. I
13 PROMISE NOT TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK AFTER. I'M NOT
14 GOING TO BECOME ADDICTED. I THINK THIS IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA TO
15 CREATE A MECHANISM. I HOPE THIS IS A CYBER MECHANISM. AND THEN
16 YOU CAN MAKE MONEY ON IT. MR. FUJIOKA CAN SELL IT TO OTHER
17 CITIES. SELL A COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT WILL LIST POORLY
18 PERFORMING CONTRACTORS. AND ALSO WE CAN NEED IT AT THE M.T.A.
19 I LOVE THE COLLEGIALITY I SEE OVER HERE AT M.T.A., I MEAN OVER
20 HERE AT THE COUNTY. THE SAME FIVE SUPERVISORS ARE AT ONE
21 ANOTHER'S THROATS OVER AT M.T.A. HERE, I DON'T KNOW, IT'S THE
22 CURSE OF M.T.A., THERE'S JUST A WONDERFUL FEELING HERE. I SEE
23 YOUR PEOPLE, YOUR MORALE, THEY'RE CHEERING. OVER AT CITY
24 COUNCIL, THEY'RE NASTY AND UGLY. IT'S SO NICE TO BE HERE. AND
25 TO SAY FOR THOSE WHO WATCH ON 35 AND 36 AND SOME CABLE



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1 SYSTEMS, YOU CAN WATCH THESE SIMULTANEOUSLY. TURN TO THE CITY
2 FROM HELL LOS ANGELES OR TURN 36 TO THE CITY FROM HEAVEN,
3 RIGHT HERE. I'D JUST LIKE TO FINISH, I DON'T NEED THREE
4 MINUTES. RECALL CITY HALL.ORG. IT'S NOT RECALL
5 SUPERVISORS.ORG. THE 88 CITIES, THERE'S ONLY ONE MAYOR WHO IS
6 BEING RECALLED, AND THAT'S MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA. IT'S SO
7 WONDERFUL. I JUST FEEL LIKE FLYING AWAY. IT'S LIKE HEAVEN OVER
8 HERE COMPARED TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS
11 CS-1, AS WELL, MR. WALSH.

12

13 **JOHN WALSH:** OH THAT'S OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY. ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. ALL
16 RIGHT. WITH THAT, ON THE TABLE IS WE HAVE 26-C AS AMENDED,
17 ITEM NO. 7, AND CS-1. OH NO, CS-1 IS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM, I
18 APOLOGIZE. JUST THOSE TWO. OH, NOT YET. I SHOULDN'T HAVE
19 CALLED HER ON THAT. ALL RIGHT. THERE'S NO OBJECTION? SO
20 ORDERED. THAT COMPLETES YOUR REPORT?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AT THE CHAIR'S
23 REQUEST, I'D LIKE TO HAVE US TURN OUR ATTENTION TO ITEM NO.
24 11. I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE QUESTIONS ON THAT ITEM, MADAM
25 CHAIR?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DECIDED THAT I'M NOT GOING TO ASK ANY
3 QUESTIONS. I'M JUST NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT THIS TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, 11, THE MOTION THAT WE
6 COAUTHORED, I THINK.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE THE
9 SAME QUESTIONS, BUT I'M NOT INCLINED TO SUPPORT IT, EITHER.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE SHOULD STOP WHILE WE'RE AHEAD THEN, I
12 THINK. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I MEAN, I GUESS I DON'T -- HOW IS IT GOING TO
15 BE SPENT? I MEAN, WHO IS GOING TO DO IT? WHO IS GOING TO
16 COLLECT IT? YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALL THESE OTHER
17 SHORTFALLS, AND WE'RE, YOU KNOW, SPENDING 50 GRAND FOR LITTLE
18 COPPER INSPECTORS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. IT'S NOT EVEN FOR THAT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF WE WANT TO ADDRESS THE SUBSTANCE OF --

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, IT'S UP TO YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PUBLIC WORKS IS HERE TO ADDRESS IT.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE ADDRESS PUBLIC WORKS, YEAH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GENTLEMEN?

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MARK PESTRELLA, PUBLIC WORKS.

8 THE ITEM IN FRONT OF YOU IS A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT A COALITION

9 OF AGENCIES CALLED THE BRAKE PAD COALITION. THIS COALITION HAS

10 BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF METALS IN

11 OUR WATERWAYS AND ALSO TO SEEK TO FIND GOOD LEGISLATION IN

12 ADDRESSING THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO METALS IN OUR WATERWAYS,

13 INCLUDING THE BRAKE PAD INDUSTRY. SO WE'RE HERE TODAY TO

14 ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT OR GIVE CLARIFICATION, IF NECESSARY,

15 FOR THE BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I THINK THE THRUST OF WHAT I WOULD

18 LIKE TO SAY IS WE HAVE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL COALITION RANGING

19 FROM ARCADIA TO LONG BEACH. AND RESOURCES HAVE BEEN POOLED,

20 AND THE COUNTY'S PROPORTION IS \$42,500. LET'S CALL IT ITS FAIR

21 SHARE. AND WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT, THE WORK THAT WE ARE TRYING

22 TO MOVE FORWARD AND RID OURSELVES OF THE POLLUTANTS THAT

23 OBVIOUSLY ARE VERY BAD. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THIS IS WELL

24 WORTH OUR INVESTMENT TO HELP PROP UP THIS COALITION THAT IS

25 TRYING TO DO GOOD WORK AND FIGHT ON VARIOUS FRONTS IN TERMS OF



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1 THE COUNTY'S FAR REACHING ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA. IT'S \$42,000,
2 OBVIOUSLY NOT A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT A MEANINGFUL AMOUNT
3 OF MONEY. AND I WOULD WISH TO MOVE FORWARD ALONG WITH MR.
4 YAROSLAVSKY AND HAVING US SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE? YES, PLEASE, CALL THE
9 ROLL.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION FAILS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN WE MOVE TO ITEM NO. 25?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE COULDN'T DO IT ANY QUICKER THAN THAT?

11 (LAUGHING) .

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 25.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE NOT LOOKING BACK. THERE'S A BIBLICAL
16 STORY ABOUT NOT LOOKING BACK. SO WE'RE MOVING FORWARD. THIS
17 DEALS WITH THE LANES REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. AND SIMPLY STATED,
18 LET ME READ IN THOSE THINGS THAT I THINK COULD BE HELPFUL AND
19 IT'S BEING DISTRIBUTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. ADOPT THE
20 C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO AUTHORIZED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER TO SIGN THE M.O.U. FORMALIZING THE COUNTY'S
22 PARTICIPATION IN LANES COLLABORATIVE. WORK WITH THE LANES
23 COLLABORATIVE TO DEVELOP THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE HEALTH
24 DATA HIGHWAY PROJECT BY MAY 2010. AND AS A MEMBER OF THE LANES
25 COLLABORATIVE, SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITRUS VALLEY HEALTH



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1 PARTNERS TO RECEIVE A.R.R.A. FUNDS IF FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE
2 TO THE LANES COLLABORATIVE. I WOULD SO MOVE. THIS IS
3 CONSISTENT WITH THE C.E.O.'S REPORT. IT JUST SIMPLY FORMALIZED
4 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. KNABE WHAT IS THE GOVERNANCE
7 STRUCTURE OF THIS?

8

9 **SHEILA SHIMA:** SHEILA SHIMA, DEPUTY C.E.O. THE GOVERNANCE
10 STRUCTURE THAT WE ARE PROPOSING WILL BE BASICALLY A PUBLIC-
11 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT PULLING TOGETHER THE
12 LISTING OF THE GROUPS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF
13 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT WOULD BE LIKE FIVE PEOPLE, 100 PEOPLE? 50
16 PEOPLE?

17

18 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THERE ARE NINE ORGANIZATIONS. NINE ORGANIZATIONS
19 THAT ARE PROPOSED AT THIS POINT AS PART OF THE GOVERNANCE
20 STRUCTURE. IT WILL TAKE FIVE SIGNING THE M.O.U. TO ACTUALLY
21 ESTABLISH THE GROUP. AT THAT POINT, THEN, THE GROUP CAN
22 DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WILL BE OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDED. AND
23 FOR ANY OF THE MEMBERS THAT HAVEN'T YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, THE
24 GROUP WOULD BE DISCUSSING MEMBERS TO ADD TO THE GROUP.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW WILL THIS MATCH UP WITH THE STATE HEALTH
2 INFORMATION EXCHANGE INITIATIVE THAT'S GOING ON AND OTHER
3 RELATED EFFORTS UNDERWAY?

4

5 **SHEILA SHIMA:** WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO BE ABLE TO DO IS TO GET THE
6 GROUP ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE STATE ACTUALLY ISSUING WHAT WE
7 EXPECT TO BE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR ANOTHER SOLICITATION
8 THAT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR EFFORTS AT THE LOCAL
9 LEVEL STATEWIDE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES. SO WHAT WE'D
10 LIKE TO DO IS HAVE THIS GROUP ESTABLISHED SO THAT IT CAN
11 DEVELOP AND THE COUNTY, AS PART OF THAT GROUP, DEVELOP A
12 STRATEGY FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR ACCESSING SOME OF THOSE
13 FUNDS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT WILL BE AN INTEGRATED EFFORT, THEN?

16

17 **SHEILA SHIMA:** CORRECT, YES. AND THAT WAS OUR HOPE WHEN WE
18 IDENTIFIED THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE
19 COLLABORATIVE. WE WERE LOOKING FOR REPRESENTATION FROM THE
20 BROAD SPECTRUM OF PROVIDERS, HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, HEALTH
21 PLANS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT DATA SECURITY AND PATIENT PRIVACY?

24



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1 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THE PRIVACY FOR THE GROUP WILL BE AN AREA THAT
2 THEY WILL NEED TO DISCUSS, AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE STATE
3 LEVEL IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE DISCUSSIONS. THE
4 M.O.U. AT THIS POINT JUST ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THAT WILL BE AN
5 AREA THAT THE GROUP WILL NEED TO ADDRESS IN MOVING FORWARD ON
6 ANY PROPOSALS. AND AT THIS POINT THOUGH, THE M.O.U. DOESN'T
7 DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH DATA. I SHOULD MENTION THAT WE DID SEND
8 A REVISED M.O.U. OUT TO THE BOARD BECAUSE WE ADDED A PROVISION
9 IN THE M.O.U. ITSELF RIGHT UP FRONT THAT CLARIFIED THAT THE
10 M.O.U., THAT SIGNING THE M.O.U. WAS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT
11 DATA OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR ANY OF THE
12 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SIGNED THE M.O.U.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU READ THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU ADDED TO
21 THE M.O.U. ON THAT LAST THING YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT, ABOUT THE
22 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY?

23

24 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHERE IN THE M.O.U. DOES IT REFLECT
2 THAT? THE LANGUAGE WE ADDED IS WHEREAS BY ENTERING INTO THE
3 LANES M.O.U., THERE IS NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EXPECTATION OR
4 REPRESENTATION THAT ANY LANES MEMBER IS RELINQUISHING ANY
5 OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO ITS DATA OR ANY OTHER INTELLECTUAL
6 PROPERTY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND DOES THAT MEAN ALSO BY THE
9 CONVERSE ALSO THE CASE THAT -- I GUESS LET ME BACK UP. HOW
10 DOES THE COLLABORATIVE OR THIS CONSORTIUM OF GROUPS, THESE
11 NINE GROUPS, WHAT POWER DO THEY HAVE COLLECTIVELY OVER, SAY,
12 OUR DATA?

13

14 **SHEILA SHIMA:** AT THIS POINT IT HAS NO OWNERSHIP, NO ACCESS. IT
15 CANNOT -- IT HAS NO RELATIONSHIP TO OUR DATA AT ALL BY OUR
16 SIGNING ON TO THE M.O.U. AND BEING PART OF THE COLLABORATIVE.
17 ANY ACCESS TO THE DATA THAT THE COUNTY HAS WOULD HAVE TO BE
18 DISCUSSED AS PART OF A SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND A PROPOSAL THAT
19 WOULD INVOLVE DEVELOPING A SYSTEM THAT WOULD ACCESS THE
20 INFORMATION. IF IN THE FUTURE WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT PROPOSALS
21 TO DEVELOP A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROJECT, FOR EXAMPLE,
22 WE WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW AT THAT POINT WHAT THAT PARTICIPATION
23 IN THAT HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE WOULD MEAN IN TERMS OF
24 ACCESSING ANY OF THE DATA THAT THE COUNTY MAY HAVE.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD.
2 ANY PROPOSAL ON HOW WE WOULD USE THE DATA, ALLOW OTHERS TO
3 ACCESS THE DATA WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS BOARD.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ADD A VERBAL AMENDMENT, BECAUSE
6 I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT THE LANGUAGE WAS, APPLYING THAT
7 LANGUAGE, BUT IT DOESN'T GO AS FAR AS I WOULD LIKE. I'D LIKE
8 TO MOVE AS AN AMENDMENT TO THIS THAT THE BOARD DECLARE THAT IT
9 IS THE POLICY OF THIS BOARD AND OF THIS COUNTY NOT TO SHARE
10 ANY -- NOT TO ALLOW ANYBODY WHO HAS ACCESS TO OUR DATA AS PART
11 OF ANY OF THESE -- AS PART OF THIS OR ANY OTHER HEALTH
12 INFORMATION EXCHANGE CONCEPT FOR THEIR OWN ECONOMIC BENEFIT,
13 FOR ANY PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT BASED ORGANIZATION OR
14 PURPOSES, OKAY. I MEAN THAT'S KIND OF NOT THE MOST ELEGANTLY
15 ARTICULATED THING, BUT I THINK YOU GET THE IDEA. I DON'T WANT
16 THERE TO BE ANY DOUBT GOING FORWARD THAT WHEN YOU MEET WITH
17 THESE FOLKS AND YOU HAVE PROPOSALS THAT ARE MADE BY 1 OR 1,000
18 OF THESE FOLKS, THAT THIS IS WHAT -- THIS IS OUR POLICY. THAT
19 WE ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW SOMEBODY TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF OUR
20 INFORMATION.

21

22 **SHEILA SHIMA:** RIGHT. WE'LL BE SURE TO REARTICULATE THAT. AND
23 AS MR. FUJIOKA HAD SAID, ANY PROPOSALS THAT WOULD INVOLVE
24 ACCESSING THE DATA OR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH



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1 INFORMATION EXCHANGE WOULD COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD. BUT THAT
2 POLICY WILL BE WHAT WE WILL TAKE IN TERMS OF OUR DISCUSSION --
3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I MEAN YOU COULD
5 ALWAYS COME BACK TO THE BOARD ON ANYTHING, BUT I WANT IT TO BE
6 GOING OUT OF HERE TODAY THAT THAT'S OUR POLICY. YOU WANT TO
7 SUGGEST A CHANGE IN THAT POLICY, THEN YOU CAN COME BACK AND
8 ARTICULATE THE REASONS WHY. AND THERE MAY BE REASONS WHY AT
9 SOME POINT. BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT NONE OF YOU
10 DO THIS FOR A LIVING. THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU GOT HIRED ON HERE
11 TO DO. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ONLY DO THIS. THEY HAVE
12 FORGOTTEN MORE THAN ALL OF US WILL EVER KNOW COLLECTIVELY AND
13 THEY'LL RUN CIRCLES AROUND US. AND WE NEED TO PROTECT
14 OURSELVES IN THIS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THERE IS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AND
17 COUNTY COUNSEL CAN ASSIST US IN CRAFTING THE LANGUAGE THAT
18 SERVICES THAT POLICY CONSIDERATION. AND AS A WAY TO AMEND THE
19 MOTION, PERHAPS SUCH SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF COUNTY
20 COUNSEL SO THAT WE GET IT RIGHT.

21

22 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** YES, I THINK IT'S UNDERSTOOD, BASED
23 UPON THE VERBAL UNDERSTANDING HERE, BUT WE'D BE HAPPY TO CRAFT
24 THAT LANGUAGE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I AM BEING VERY CLEAR. THIS IS NOT A
2 COUNTY COUNSEL, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW. THIS IS A POLICY ISSUE.
3 YOU WANT TO CRAFT SOMETHING, YOU CAN CRAFT SOMETHING. BUT I
4 THOUGHT I SAID IT VERY CLEARLY THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS
5 COUNTY THAT NOBODY IS GOING TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF OUR DATA, OFF
6 OF OUR INFORMATION. THIS GOES BEYOND THE PRIVACY ISSUE. THIS
7 GOES TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS THAT OTHERS MIGHT HAVE. I DON'T
8 THINK THERE'S ANY AMBIGUITY ABOUT WHAT I SAID.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE IS NO STATEMENT ABOUT THE AMBIGUITY
11 OF IT. BUT THE FURTHER -- MY MOTION, AND I WANT TO KIND OF --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ADOPT THE SPIRIT OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING
16 AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S NAILED PROPERLY. POLICIES ARE
17 TYPICALLY OVERARCHING. BUT THERE MAY BE NUANCES IN THIS
18 PARTICULAR VENUE THAT MAY BE TIGHTENED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
19 APPROPRIATE REVIEW. MY COMMENTS ARE NOT TO CONTRADICT THE
20 INTENT OR THE SPIRIT OF THE MOTION. SO IT'S NOT A PUSHBACK ON
21 THE POLICY SUGGESTION, BUT IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE GET IT
22 PROPERLY NAILED DOWN. AND I THINK THAT APPROPRIATELY CALLS FOR
23 THE EXPERTISE OF THOSE IN THAT AREA IN SERVICE OF THE POLICY
24 WHICH I AM PREPARED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST MAKE ONE
2 LAST COMMENT ON THIS. I MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THIS AS I
3 SUGGESTED. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ANY NUANCE, BUT IF THERE ARE
4 ANY NUANCES, YOU CAN BRING THOSE BACK TO US. BUT GOING OUT OF
5 HERE TODAY, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT CLEAR, MAYBE IT ISN'T THE
6 POLICY OF THE BOARD, BUT I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THE POLICY
7 OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE AS I INDICATED, THAT THE INFORMATION,
8 THE DATA THAT WE HAVE, IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY PECUNIARY
9 ECONOMIC INTEREST, PROFIT MAKING INTEREST OF ANYBODY. AND IF
10 YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO COME BACK TO TELL US ABOUT IT, NUANCE OR
11 NOT NUANCE, WE CAN HEAR FROM YOU DOWN THE LINE. BUT I DON'T
12 WANT THERE TO BE ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE ARE OPEN TO SOMEBODY
13 RIPPING OFF OUR DATA FOR THEIR BENEFIT. WITHOUT OUR AGREEMENT.

14

15 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** UNDERSTOOD, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE CURRENT M.O.U. YOU HAVE NINE
20 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, OF WHICH ONE IS DECLARED AS AN
21 INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION. WHAT IS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION?

22

23 **SHEILA SHIMA:** WE NEED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITHIN THE GROUP.
24 BUT WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE IS BRINGING IN AN



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1 ENTITY THAT REALLY DIDN'T HAVE AN AFFILIATION WITH ANY
2 PARTICULAR GROUP. SO AT THIS POINT, WE'RE NOT SURE --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS SUCH AN ENTITY?

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6 **SHEILA SHIMA:** IT WOULD BE PERHAPS A CONSUMER GROUP THAT DIDN'T
7 HAVE A PARTICULAR HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOCUS, DIDN'T
8 HAVE AN INSURANCE FOCUS, BUT WAS JUST GENERAL IN TERMS OF
9 THEIR ADVOCACY EFFORTS. IT COULD BE A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL WHO
10 HAD AN INTEREST IN THIS AREA. SO THAT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT
11 THE GROUP, ONCE CONSTITUTED, WILL NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER IN
12 TERMS OF LOOKING AT REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS THAT WE
13 CONSIDER. BUT WHEN LOOKING AT THE GROUP, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT
14 THERE'S A LOT OF HEALTH INFORMATION BACKGROUND THAT'S
15 REPRESENTED THERE, AND WE WANTED TO PUT ON THE BODY SOMEBODY
16 WHO DIDN'T HAVE THAT AFFILIATION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS A -- OR HOW IS THE LEAD AGENCY GOING
19 TO BE DETERMINED?

20

21 **SHEILA SHIMA:** AT THIS POINT, THE INITIAL DISCUSSION WAS THAT
22 IT MAY BE PROJECT-SPECIFIC. SO IF THERE'S A PARTICULAR PROJECT
23 THAT'S BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN THE GROUP, THE GROUP MAY SELECT
24 AN INDIVIDUAL. OR THE ORGANIZATION THAT ACTUALLY HAS THE MOST
25 EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA THAT'S BEING PURSUED BY THE -- IN THE



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1 PROJECT. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER, AS
2 WELL.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN INTERJECT, FOR THIS SYSTEM TO TRULY
5 WORK, NOT JUST WORK WITHIN THE CONFINES OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF
6 HEALTH SERVICES BUT WITHIN THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE, THE
7 GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IT HAS TO BE
8 TRULY A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT INVOLVES EVERY LEVEL OF OUR
9 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, FROM THE PRIMARY CARE CLINICS ALL THE WAY
10 UP TO THE TERTIARY HOSPITALS TO THE OTHER HEALTH SYSTEMS
11 WITHIN OUR SYSTEM, EVEN THE ABILITY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION
12 FOR A PATIENT WHO WALKS INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM LIKE KAISER
13 AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNS TO ONE OF OUR AMBULATORY CARE
14 CLINICS OR ONE OF OUR HOSPITALS. THAT'S THE GOAL. SO IT HAS TO
15 HAVE THAT SEAMLESS DELIVERY SYSTEM. AND SO WE WANT TO PUT A
16 COLLABORATIVE TOGETHER THAT REFLECTS THE TRUE CROSS SECTION OF
17 THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY IN L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S THE SOLE
18 INTENT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU ESTABLISHED ANY TIMELINES FOR
21 ACCOMPLISHING THE GOALS AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROJECT?

22

23 **SHEILA SHIMA:** NOT YET. THOSE WILL BE ACTUALLY ON THE AGENDA
24 FOR THE VERY FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP ONCE IT'S CONSTITUTED.
25 IT NEEDS TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND THEN SOME SPECIFIC



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1 TIMELINES. AT THIS POINT, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE TIMELINE FOR
2 THE STATE IN ISSUING THEIR SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS, BUT WE
3 EXPECT THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN VERY QUICKLY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT A SIX-MONTH PROJECT? 12-
6 MONTH PROJECT?

7

8 **SHEILA SHIMA:** I THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PERHAPS OVER THE
9 NEXT MONTH OR TWO. WE NEED A VERY EXPEDITED TIMELINE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WITHIN 90 DAYS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABOUT 90 DAYS.

14

15 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES, CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE? WE DO HAVE A
20 COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US. NO ONE. IF I COULD
21 ASK GLORIA RODRIGUEZ TO PLEASE JOIN US FOLLOWED BY ARNOLD
22 SACHS. YOU'RE PASSING? AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. OKAY. ALL
23 RIGHT VERY GOOD. MISS RODRIGUEZ?

24



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1 **GLORIA RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLORIA RODRIGUEZ.
2 I'M PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION
3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, REPRESENTING 45 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
4 CLINICS WITH 135 HEALTH DELIVERY SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
5 THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION AND OUR MEMBER COMMUNITY
6 CLINICS SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMAL WORKING
7 RELATIONSHIP AND COLLABORATIVE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE
8 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.
9 WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS WITH THE
10 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP LANES AS
11 SUCH AN ENTITY. AS HIGH TECH ACT FEDERAL FUNDING BECOMES
12 AVAILABLE TO THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE HEALTH DELIVERY
13 SYSTEM, WE BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A VENUE BY WHICH HEALTH
14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE EFFORTS CAN BE COORDINATED NOT JUST AT
15 THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AT THE LOCAL
16 LEVEL, TO BEST SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR
17 EXAMPLE, FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS HAS
18 ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FEDERALLY FUNDED COMMUNITY
19 HEALTH CENTERS. AS THE CLINICS CONTINUE TO MOVE TO ELECTRONIC
20 HEALTH RECORDS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY
21 WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO ASSURE THAT INFORMATION
22 IMPORTANT TO A PATIENT'S WELL-BEING IS AVAILABLE IN A TIMELY,
23 SAFE AND SECURE MANNER. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT LANES WILL
24 SERVE THIS IMPORTANT ROLE AND THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION



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1 COMMITS TO CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE IN THESE EFFORTS. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS
5 RODRIGUEZ. ALL RIGHT. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. IS
6 THERE ANY OBJECTION? YES. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, AS AMENDED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO OBJECTION, PER SE, BUT I AM FORMALLY
9 REQUESTING OF COUNTY COUNSEL TO DO WHAT WAS REQUESTED, WHICH
10 IS TO WEIGH IN AND PROVIDE SUCH TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE AND
11 THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST.

12

13 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** PERHAPS I DON'T THINK IT WAS ENTIRELY
14 CLEAR TO EVERYONE EXACTLY WHAT THE REQUEST WAS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT SO SURE, EITHER. COULD
17 YOU TELL US?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL MEMORIALIZE IT THEREFORE WE WON'T
20 HAVE ANY REASON TO GUESS WHAT I'M ASKING FOR. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE AT?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WELL ORIGINALLY I BELIEVE THE REQUEST WAS
25 FOR COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT LANGUAGE OF WHAT SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY WAS ASKING. BUT THEN I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING ON
2 RECORD WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, I
3 THINK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS NOW ASKING FOR COUNTY
4 COUNSEL TO DRAFT UP LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE'S ASKING IT AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS. IT'S NOT A MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. IT'S NOT A MOTION, BUT IF THERE IS
11 OTHER LANGUAGE THAT'S BEING --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVE A MOTION BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO GET A
16 CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE ASKING FOR
17 LEGAL OPINION, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING? I'M NOT SO SURE
18 WHAT'S GOING ON.

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** MY SENSE OF IT IS --

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS REALLY A HORSE, NOT A ZEBRA.
23 THEREFORE LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US
24 HAS BEEN AMENDED AND I WILL COMMUNICATE IN WRITTEN FORM WHAT



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1 THE REQUEST OF COUNTY COUNSEL IS. IT WILL THEN COME BACK TO ME
2 AND IT CAN BE COPIED TO THE BOARD. IS THAT CLEAR?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S MUCH CLEARER. ABSOLUTELY.
5 THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THAT. ALL RIGHT. SO YOU UNDERSTAND
6 THAT CLEARLY, RIGHT? ASKS FOR DIFFERENT, SEPARATE. AS AMENDED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE AND APART FROM WHAT THE MOTION IS
9 ON THE TABLE AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ALL RIGHT. WE
12 JUST NEEDED TO BE CLEAR ON THAT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO
13 THAT ITEM? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL CONCLUDE WITH AN ADJOURNING MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REVEREND TIMOTHY MOSES CHAMBERS, JR.,
21 BORN APRIL 6TH, 1924 IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, PASSED IN
22 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 12TH, 2010. GREW UP IN TEXAS AND
23 BEGAN PREACHING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN SULFUR SPRINGS,
24 TEXAS, AT THE AGE OF 16. RECEIVED A B.A. FROM BISHOP COLLEGE
25 IN THE AREA OF RELIGION. IT IS NOTED HE GRADUATED MAGNA CUM



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1 LAUDE. ENGAGED IN POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 CHICAGO, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN ISRAEL.
3 PASTOR CHAMBERS PASTURED THROUGHOUT THE NATION. AND DURING HIS
4 CAREER, HE SERVED A VARIETY OF CHURCHES, NOT THE LEAST OF
5 WHICH LOS ANGELES EVER FAITHFUL AND PEOPLE OF GOD CHURCHES. AN
6 ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT HIS FATHER'S CHURCH, ROGER WILLIAMS'
7 TRUE LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH, AND AT THE END OF HIS CAREER, HE
8 LEFT THE PASTORAL ROLE AND FOCUSED ON INTERNATIONAL
9 EVANGELISM, PREACHING AND TEACHING ACROSS THE WORLD. HE WILL
10 BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DYNAMIC PREACHING STYLE THAT DREW PEOPLE
11 IN FROM ALL OVER THE REGION. AND HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS
12 MEMORY, HIS WIFE HAZEL, HIS CHILDREN, LISA TANDRY AND MAURICE;
13 SIBLINGS, DENISE, AND THOMAS AS WELL AS SEVERAL NEPHEWS AND
14 OTHER LOVED ONES. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAM
15 CHAIR. AND I THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. ALL
18 RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS. DO YOU HAVE ANY
19 ADJOURNMENTS?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST
22 OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
23 RUTH NUSSBAUM, I JUST LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON THAT SHE PASSED
24 AWAY THIS MORNING. RUTH NUSSBAUM IS THE WIDOW OF THE LEGENDARY
25 RABBI MAX NUSSBAUM OF TEMPLE ISRAEL IN HOLLYWOOD. BOTH RUTH



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1 AND MAX GOT OUT ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE NAZI POSSE IN THE LATE
2 30S AND CAME TO LOS ANGELES, HER HUSBAND, RABBI NUSSBAUM WAS
3 ONE OF THE MORE LEGENDARY RABBIS IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES
4 AND THE COUNTRY. AND RUTH WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HER OWN WAY IN
5 THE TEMPLE, IN THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
6 CHILDREN, JEREMY NUSSBAUM AND HANNAH MARSH, AS WELL AS HER
7 GRANDCHILDREN, DANIEL MARSH, MARGARET SINAI, GABRIEL NUSSBAUM
8 AND LILLY NUSSBAUM; AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, RUBY MARSH
9 AND MAX, JAKE AND GABRIELLA SINAI. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
10 MEMORY OF ALLEN RICH, A PROLIFIC AND WIDELY ADMIRER CLASSICAL
11 MUSIC CRITIC FOR MORE THAN SIX DECADES. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE
12 AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS AND STUDIED MEDICINE
13 IN HARVARD BEFORE EMBARKING ON HIS LENGTHY AND INFLUENTIAL
14 CAREER AS A CRITIC. HIS VOICE WAS HEARD ON RADIO AT K.P.F.A.,
15 K.F.A.C., K.P.C.C., AND K.U.S.C., AMONG OTHERS. HIS WRITING
16 APPEARED IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES," "THE NEW YORK HERALD-
17 TRIBUNE," "NEW YORK" MAGAZINE, "NEWSWEEK," "NEW WEST",
18 "CALIFORNIA" MAGAZINE, "THE LOS ANGELES HERALD- EXAMINER,"
19 "L.A. WEEKLY" AND "BLOOMBERG NEWS" AS WELL AS "L.A. CITY
20 BEAT." HIS MANY BOOKS INCLUDE "MUSIC: MIRROR OF THE ARTS,"
21 "THE SIMON AND SCHUSTER LISTENER'S GUIDE TO OPERA," "THE SIMON
22 AND SCHUSTER LISTENERS GUIDE TO CLASSICAL MUSIC," "THE LINCOLN
23 CENTER STORY," "AMERICAN PIONEERS: IVES TO CAGE AND BEYOND"
24 AND MANY OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, SUSAN RICE. AND
25 ALLEN RICH WAS A FIXTURE IN THE CRITIC WORLD OF SOUTHERN



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1 CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION. IT'S A LOSS TO ALL OF US. THOSE ARE
2 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO SPECIALS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF
11 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GRETTA
12 BOOGAARD, WHO WAS BORN IN THE NETHERLANDS, PASSED AWAY APRIL
13 22ND AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS MARRIED TO JOHN BOOGAARD FOR 58
14 YEARS AND LIVED MOST OF HER LIFE IN PARAMOUNT WHERE SHE RAISED
15 HER SEVEN CHILDREN. SHE ATTENDED EMANUEL REFORM CHURCH, WHERE
16 JULIE AND I ATTEND. SANG IN THE CHOIR, HELPED IN THE FAMILY
17 FURNITURE STORE AND WAS ALWAYS A GREAT VISITOR FOR THE SICK
18 AND ELDERLY. SHE LOVED TO WALK AND WON A 10K THE AGE OF 70.
19 SHE WILL BE MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN, DICK,
20 AND A GOOD FRIEND THE OTHER SON, CASE, INGA, JOHN, GRETTA AND
21 GARY. TWENTY-ONE GRANDCHILDREN, TWENTY-TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
22 AND ONE GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILD. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF EDITH CAMPBELL OF LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY ON
24 APRIL 15. SHE GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH IN 1962 WITH
25 A TEACHING CREDENTIAL. EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN



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1 EDUCATION. SHE TAUGHT IN THE BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL
2 DISTRICT AND RETIRED FROM TEACHING IN 1981. SHE LOVED TO
3 TRAVEL THE WORLD AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS,
4 INCLUDING SU CASA, MEALS ON WHEELS, AND LONG BEACH CITY
5 COLLEGE LIBRARY TO NAME A FEW. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY
6 HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER STUDENTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
7 HER THREE CHILDREN, HAL, SUSAN AND BARBARA; SEVEN
8 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUZ MORALES, THE GRANDMOTHER OF MY
10 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, LAURA PEREZ, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK.
11 SHE WAS 96 YEARS OLD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY 21 CHILDREN, OVER 50
12 GRANDCHILDREN AND OVER 40 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND OVER 30
13 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY FAMILY
14 AND FRIENDS. 21 CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I BELIEVE MY HELD ITEMS HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED
20 UP. AM I CORRECT?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN
4 TODAY IN MEMORY OF ESTHER BREWER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
5 80. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALPHA CHARTER GUILD FOR 25
6 YEARS, SERVING AS ITS PRESIDENT TWICE AS A MEMBER OF THE
7 HOSPITAL GIFT FOUNDATION BOARD AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
8 HOSPITAL, AND ALSO ACTIVE AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE ANTELOPE
9 VALLEY FAIR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTELOPE QUEEN. DURING HER
10 REIGN AT THE FAIR. SHE WAS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND BOB BREWER
11 AND THEIR SON, RICK. RICHARD GOLB PASSED AWAY AT AGE 79 ON
12 APRIL 18TH. HE WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CLARENCE HENDERSON PASSED AWAY AT
14 THE AGE OF 80, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LUKE A. "BUD" SCURICH PASSED AWAY AT THE
16 AGE OF 78. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, SERVED
17 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE KNIGHTS OF
18 COLUMBUS, THE SLAVIC AMERICAN BENEVOLENCE SOCIETY, THE
19 WATSONVILLE ELKS LODGE, PAJARO VALLEY ROD AND GUN CLUB,
20 HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH. CALVIN
21 WILLIS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE SERVED AS A LAW CLERK
22 FOR A FEDERAL JUDGE MANUEL REAL BEFORE BECOMING A PRIVATE
23 ATTORNEY. AND HE RESIDED IN SUNLAND AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS
24 WIFE, BOBBI WILLIS; AND SON AND TWO SISTERS. BERNARD ROGER,
25 ALSO A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 18TH. I HAVE A QUESTION
2 FOR MR. FUJIOKA. BILL? THE QUESTION IS: ON THE HEALTH ISSUE,
3 WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY REALLY IN-DEPTH BRIEFINGS ON THE WAIVER.
4 THE WAIVER, I UNDERSTAND, IS GOING TO EXPIRE IN AUGUST. I
5 BELIEVE IT'S AUGUST 1ST. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY 13,
6 14 WEEKS. WHETHER WE HAVE A CONTINUATION OF THE WAIVER,
7 WHETHER THERE IS A NEW WAIVER, AND I DON'T SEE HOW THERE CAN
8 BE A NEW WAIVER WHEN WE HAVEN'T BEEN BRIEFED. WE'RE GOING TO
9 WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THAT'S
10 ALREADY THE MONTH OF MAY. SO BY THE TIME WE COME BACK, THAT'S
11 THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY. AND AGAIN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST IS
12 RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. AND BEING SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF
13 OUR COUNTY'S BUDGET, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENT COULD BRIEF US ON WHERE THEY ARE, WHERE THEY'RE
15 GOING AND WHAT SUGGESTIONS THEY HAVE. BUT AS FAR AS
16 PRELIMINARIES, WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT INFORMATION.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY. WE'LL SCHEDULE THAT. WE'LL PUT IT ON THE
19 AGENDA.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SECONDLY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED
22 AGAIN IN THE PAPER TODAY, BUT NORTHROP, ANOTHER MAJOR
23 CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND INTRICATELY
24 INVOLVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MOVED THEIR CORPORATE
25 HEADQUARTERS TO VIRGINIA. AND THAT'S AGAIN ANOTHER EXODUS OF



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1 CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE LEAVING OUR STATE, WHICH
2 ARE ADDING TO OUR ABILITY TO CREATE A STABLE STATE BUDGET AND
3 THE HIGHER TAXES AND THE EXCESSIVE REGULATIONS IS MOVING
4 PEOPLE OUT INSTEAD OF CREATING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO MOVE
5 PEOPLE IN TO CREATE THESE JOBS. BUT NORTHROP WAS AN INTEGRAL
6 PART OF THIS COUNTY'S HISTORY, AND NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE
7 PART OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA'S HISTORY. NO, BUT THE CORPORATE
8 HEADQUARTERS AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO COME FROM AROUND THE
9 WORLD TO VISIT THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS ARE DOLLARS THAT
10 COME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR HOTELS, FOR OTHER TYPES OF
11 OPPORTUNITIES AND ALSO THE VARIOUS LAW FIRMS THAT WOULD BE
12 LOCATED HERE TO BE NEXT TO THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS WILL
13 ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, NOT HERE, BUT IN ANOTHER STATE. THOSE
14 ARE ALL OF MY ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, VERY GOOD. I'M GOING TO ASK FOR
17 RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 11. I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED
22 THAT WE HAVE RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 11. NOW, WHAT I WOULD
23 LIKE TO DO IS I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT S.B. 346, BUT I'D LIKE
24 TO HAVE NO MONEY ATTACHED TO THIS. JUST HAVE THE SUPPORT FOR
25 THE LEGISLATION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL SECOND THAT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION AND TAKE OUT
7 THE REST OF THE MOTION?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT -- WE'RE JUST ELIMINATING IT. IS
10 THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ARE
11 YOU OBJECTING TO IT? YES?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, THAT'S OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT NOW?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S OKAY WITH IT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, IF WE COULD GO BACK TO THE
22 PUBLIC HEARINGS, WE HAVE ITEM -- PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2 AND
23 3? AND ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2, AFTER TABULATING THE
24 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST
25 EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF



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1 ASSESSMENTS FOR TRACT NO. 45558 IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE TO
2 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO 1616 AND COUNTY
3 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 IN THE PALMDALE ZONE. AS A RESULT,
4 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO TERMINATE THE
5 PROCEEDINGS FOR TRACT NO. 45558 AND REFER THE MATTER BACK TO
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IN ADDITION, AFTER TABULATING
7 THE REMAINING BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO
8 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND
9 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES
10 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 AND 1697, THE MALIBU
11 LIGHTING DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 IN THE
12 PALMDALE, CARSON AND MALIBU ZONES. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE
13 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
14 ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS AND ADOPT JOINT RESOLUTIONS
15 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY
16 TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION
17 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1616 AND
18 1697 IN THE MALIBU LIGHTING DISTRICT.

19
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS RESOLUTION IS BEFORE US. I
21 SO MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE ANY
22 OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

23
24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NO. 3, AFTER TABULATING THE
25 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY



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1 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
2 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION
3 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND
4 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 FOR THE
5 UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
7 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
8 ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
9 RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SO MOVE. SECONDED ON THIS ONE
12 BY I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE. OKAY.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GREAT, THANK YOU. AND THEN ITEM S-1.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. S-1 IS THE LAST ITEM I THINK WE
17 HAVE, CORRECT?

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS THE STATUS REPORT ON THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE BEEN
23 GETTING THE DATA ON A REGULAR BASIS. BUT I AM A LITTLE
24 CONCERNED THAT WE ARE TRANSFERRING MORE AND MORE PATIENTS
25 EVERY DAY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE STAFF IS BACK THERE. I



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1 DON'T NEED TO BELABOR THIS, BUT WE TRANSFERRED OVER 181
2 PATIENTS THIS LAST MONTH. HALF OF THEM WENT TO PRIVATE
3 HOSPITALS. WHAT I'M SEEING IS THE NUMBERS KEEP GOING UP. AND
4 SO I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT SHARE WITH ME -- I KNOW YOU
5 DON'T HAVE IT NOW, AND I APPRECIATE IF YOU'LL GET IT IN THE
6 FUTURE THE COST, WHAT'S IT COSTING US TO TRANSFER EACH OF
7 THESE PATIENTS? AND I'M HOPING THAT WHEN I GET THAT, I'M ALSO
8 GOING TO GET A REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. WHICH I'VE BEEN WAITING
9 FOR ON THE ISSUE OF INPATIENT BED NEED, WHICH WE HAVE NOT
10 RECEIVED YET. SO I NEED THAT REPORT. SO HOPEFULLY YOU WILL GET
11 US THE COSTS, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL BE BEFORE THE NEXT
12 REPORT, BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW. WE ARE TRANSFERRING MORE AND
13 MORE EVERY YEAR. THIS HAS GOT TO COST US SOMETHING. AND IT'S
14 GOING TO START ADDING UP. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT IS
15 REALLY KEEPING TO THE NUMBERS AS FAR AS UTILIZATION RATES ARE
16 MOVING VERY WELL. OUR BOARDING TIME IS IMPROVING ON AN ONGOING
17 BASIS. AND SO IS THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, WHICH ARE VERY,
18 VERY GOOD OUTCOMES. SO WHEN I LOOK AT EACH OF THESE
19 STATISTICS, EACH OF THEM ARE IMPROVING, WHICH ARE REALLY
20 HEALTHY. BUT WHAT WE ARE SEEING WHAT IT'S DOING IS THAT WE ARE
21 MOVING A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT FROM THE FRONT DOOR. SO THAT IS
22 COSTING US MONEY. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE COST IS. ALL
23 RIGHT, AS WELL AS HOPEFULLY GET THE REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. ON
24 THE SHORTAGE OF BEDS. ALL RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANTED TO
25 ADD ANYTHING. I READ THE REPORT.



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2 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL GET THE COST
3 INFORMATION BY MAY 11TH FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SOUNDS GREAT. GOOD. ANYTHING ELSE? IF NOT,
6 AGAIN, THAT IS JUST A REPORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I
7 APPRECIATE YOUR WORK ON THAT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ROSALIE
10 MARKS HANKS, IF SHE'D JOIN US. GENEVIEVE NORMAN, REVEREND
11 MICHAEL EAGLE, AND BOBBY COOPER. WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A SEAT
12 AND BEGIN? NO, NOT YET. GENEVIEVE NORMAN AND REVEREND MICHAEL
13 EAGLE AND BOBBY COOPER, ARE THEY NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. HOW
14 ABOUT JIM DIMOV AND MARVIN DARDEN, THEY JOIN US? ARE THEY NOT
15 HERE EITHER, MR. DIMOV IS HERE. ALL RIGHT, IF THEY WOULD JOIN
16 US. ALL RIGHT. MISS MARKS HANKS, WOULD YOU BEGIN, PLEASE?
17 WOULD YOU BEGIN, YES, WOULD YOU BEGIN?

18

19 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** PLEASE, THIS IS SO -- MY PROBLEM IS SO
20 SEVERE. THESE LETTERS ARE HANDWRITTEN, HAND DELIVERED FROM MY
21 SON BEGGING FOR JUSTICE AND BEGGING FOR HELP AND BEGGING TO BE
22 SAVED REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS SO
23 TERRIBLE, SO SEVERE, THEY TOTALLY DESTROYED HIS PROPERTY. THEY
24 DID NOT HAVE A PERMIT. THEY DIDN'T HAVE AN EASEMENT. THEY
25 BROKE IT UP. THEY MADE A RAVINE THE SIZE OF AN APARTMENT



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1 HOUSE, LIKE 20 FEET DEEP, THEY MADE A RIVER, THEY PUMPED WATER
2 IN FROM THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND TO TOP IT OFF, TO TOP IT
3 OFF, BECAUSE HE DIDN'T SIGN THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY WANTED AND
4 I'LL GIVE YOU A COPY OF IT, NOBODY WOULD SIGN IT, NOBODY. I
5 SHOWED IT TO EVERY LAWYER. IT WAS A SCAM. NO ONE WOULD SIGN
6 IT. SO HE KEPT BEGGING, BEGGING TO GET AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD
7 BE A PROPER AGREEMENT. SO NOW WHAT THEY DID TO THE PROPERTY,
8 THEY DESTROYED IT TOTALLY, MADE IT 100 PERCENT UNUSABLE. BUT,
9 PLEASE, I BEG YOU, THE WORST PART OF IT IS THEY WANT HIM TO
10 PAY FOR REPAIRING FOR WHAT THEY DID. AND THEY SAID IF HE DON'T
11 PAY FOR IT, THEY'RE GOING TO PUT A CRIMINAL RECORD AGAINST
12 HIM. THIS IS TOTALLY CRAZY. I HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS, SYLVIA
13 HAS THE DOCUMENTS. AND IT'S WORSE THAN I'M TELLING YOU. AND I
14 COULD GIVE YOU COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS. AND PLEASE, PLEASE,
15 MAYBE SOMEBODY COULD TALK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
16 BECAUSE THEY SAID IF MY SON DOESN'T CLEAN UP WHAT THEY DID,
17 WHICH THEY TRENCHED THE WHOLE THING AND DESTROYED THE WHOLE
18 THING, THAT IN THREE DAYS THEY'LL FILE A CRIMINAL RECORD
19 AGAINST HIM FOR ALL THE DAMAGE THAT THEY DID. SO PLEASE WHERE
20 COULD I GET HELP?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23



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1 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** IS THERE ANY PLACE I COULD GET HELP ABOUT
2 THIS? I MEAN, YOU'RE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC WORKS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING
6 ISSUE.

7

8 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** PARDON ME. I HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS AND
9 EVERYTHING.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND WE'VE CONTINUED TO REFER YOU TO THE
12 DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN -- JUST
13 FINISH UP, MISS HANKS.

14

15 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** SO WHAT I'M ASKING YOU IS MAYBE SOMEBODY
16 COULD CALL THEM TO STOP THEM FROM MAKING THE VIOLATION FOR
17 WHAT THEY DID.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, I THINK YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE
20 ISSUES DIRECTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

21

22 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** IS THERE ANYONE I COULD TALK TO?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYONE HERE.

25



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1 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** SO WHAT COULD I DO?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL GIVE YOU THE NUMBERS AGAIN TO CALL
4 THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT YOU COULD TALK DIRECTLY TO THEM.

5

6 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THEY DID THAT TO
7 YOUR CHILDREN? THEY CAME AND DESTROYED IT TOTALLY, MADE IT
8 LIKE A SWIMMING POOL. (OFF MIC COMMENTS.)

9

10 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** PLEASE, I BEG YOU, BEG YOU, BEG YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT RATHER IMMEDIATELY.

13

14 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SOMEONE IS COMING TO ASSIST YOU. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GREAT. SO NOW YOU HAVE HELP, I
20 THINK. ALL RIGHT. IS GENEVIEVE NORMAN NOT HERE? OKAY, GOOD.
21 REVEREND MICHAEL EAGLE?

22

23 **ROSALIE MARKS HANKS:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **REVEREND MICHAEL EAGLE:** MADAM CHAIR AND FELLOW SUPERVISORS,
3 I'M REVEREND MICHAEL W. EAGLE, PASTOR OF ST. MARK A.M.E.
4 CHURCH, LOS ANGELES. IN 2007 I REQUESTED THIS BODY TO PROCLAIM
5 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY AS MOTHER'S DAY FOR MOTHERS WHO LOST
6 LOVED ONES TO VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS. YOU GRANTED THAT
7 REQUEST. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR IT. IT IS MORE THAN
8 APPRECIATED. AND ALSO ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS WE
9 CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF SAID EVENT THIS SUNDAY,
10 MAY 2, 2010, AT 2:30 P.M. AT ST. MARK A.M.E. CHURCH IN LOS
11 ANGELES. WE WANT TO INVITE YOUR PRESENCE. YOUR PRESENCE DOES
12 MAKE AN EFFECTIVE DIFFERENCE. AND WE WANTED TO THANK YOU. IT
13 IS A CELEBRATION. IT IS NOT A FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE. AND
14 THANK YOU FOR THIS BRIEF MOMENT, AMEN.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, REVEREND.

17

18 **REVEREND MICHAEL EAGLE:** WE DO HAVE FLIERS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, WE DID GET A COPY OF IT. THANK YOU
21 FOR SHARING WITH US.

22

23 **REVEREND MICHAEL EAGLE:** THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. COOPER IS NOT HERE. JIM
2 DIMOV.

3

4 **JIM DIMOV:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A BOOK. YOU MIGHT NOT
5 BELIEVE IT BUT THE DOCTOR WHO PUBLISHED THIS BOOK RECOMMENDS
6 CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, AND WE, ANYBODY, CAN CURE HIMSELF OR
7 HERSELF FROM ALL DISEASE AND SICKNESSES INCLUDING CANCER AND
8 SUGAR DIABETES, H.I.V. POSITIVE, AIDS, YOU NAME IT, IN A FEW
9 SECONDS, MANY DISEASE LITERALLY DISAPPEAR. SOUNDS LIKE CRAZY
10 BUT IT'S A MATTER OF FACT, ACTUALLY. I DO HAVE AN INVENTION
11 HOW TO BUILD THE BLUEPRINT, HOW TO BUILD THE PLANT NEXT TO
12 EVERY LANDFILL AND OUT OF GARBAGE I'M ABLE TO PRODUCE
13 ELECTRICITY AND ISO-GAS, A NEW TYPE OF GASOLINE FOR OUR CARS.
14 ACTUALLY THE ISO-GAS WAS DEMONSTRATED ON CHANNEL 2. WITHOUT
15 MODIFICATION OF THE ENGINE, I CAN MAKE THE CAR OR THE ISO-GAS
16 CAN MAKE THE CAR MOVE POLLUTION FREE AND IT'S GOING TO COST US
17 29 CENTS A GALLON. AND I'VE INTRODUCED THIS TO THE COUNTY
18 SUPERVISORS LAST TIME AND I DIDN'T GET ANY CALL ALTHOUGH I
19 GAVE THEM MY PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS. NO RESPONSE WHATSOEVER.
20 LOOKS LIKE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, JUST LIKE THEY DIDN'T
21 BELIEVE THE DOCTOR WHO PUT THIS BOOK TOGETHER. 1988 I
22 PURCHASED AN EMPTY LOT NEXT TO MY HOUSE AND A FEW MONTHS LATER
23 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CAME AND BULL DOZED THE WEEDS, THE
24 BRUSH, AND LITERALLY THEY REPLANTED THE WEEDS WHICH WERE
25 REGULARLY CLEANED BY MY WIFE PERSONALLY, MY HOME. SHE WAS



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1 WORKING THERE ALMOST EVERY DAY WHEN THE WEEDS WOULD GROW UP.
2 THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT BUT THEY DID IT. AND I WAS TAKING
3 THEM TO GET THE BILL. AND I DIDN'T GET THAT BILL UNTIL I
4 DISCOVERED ON THE SEVENTH OF THIS MONTH THAT THIS BILL WAS
5 ALMOST \$3,600 AND THAT BILL WAS CONVERTED INTO \$4,000 TAXES
6 THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO PAY, THESE TAXES. AND I DID PAY THEM AND
7 THEN I RECEIVED MANY NOTICES I HAVE NOT PAID MY TAXES. AND
8 THIS BILL, I MEAN THE NOTICE I RECEIVED, IT ADDS UP TO
9 \$371,000 IN TAXES FOR THAT EMPTY LOT, ALTHOUGH I PAID \$62,000,
10 I RECEIVED MANY NOTICES AND THAT DESTROYED MY LIFE. AND NOBODY
11 HELPED ME. I WENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND THEY TOLD
12 ME FEW MINUTES AGO, THEY TOLD ME I PAID MY TAXES FOR SURE, BUT
13 AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE A NOTICE THAT I OWE THEM \$47,000 MORE
14 ON EVERYTHING I PAID. AND I NEED YOU TO HELP ME TO GET MY
15 MONEY BACK. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE FOR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MR. DIMOV.

18

19 **JIM DIMOV:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SIR. NEXT WE HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON,
22 IRENE PANG, ARNOLD SACHS AND JOHN WALSH. MR. DARDEN, YOU'RE
23 NEXT.

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1 **MARVIN DARDEN:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON. I KNOW WE ARE ALL
2 TIRED. IT'S AT THE END OF THE DAY, SO I'LL BE BRIEF. FIRST
3 GIVING HONOR TO GOD, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST, TO THE CHAIR,
4 GLORIA MOLINA, AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I MEAN NO
5 DISRESPECT TO YOU REGARDING MY STATEMENTS HERE. I'M HERE TO
6 POINT OUT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE OFFICE OF
7 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH IS POSSIBLY AIDING CORRUPTION BY ALLOWING
8 IT TO BREED, BY ALLOWING IT TO GO UNCHECKED OR TO CONTINUE BY
9 NOT ENFORCING ACTION AGAINST THESE AGENCIES. FIRST COUNTY
10 COUNSEL FOR OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE IN MY CASE B.C. 364737,
11 WITHHOLDING A DECLARATION MADE BY THE DEFENSE, THE L.A. COUNTY
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ANTHONY ADREGNA, IN 2007 IN AN
13 UNPROVOKED ATTACK DRAWING GUNS AT MY HEAD WHILE THREATENING TO
14 KILL ME. ON MARCH 24, 2009 WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE L.A.
15 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER FERNANDEZ
16 FRACTURED MY SKULL IN AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK. THIS WAS CAUGHT ON
17 VIDEOTAPE AND IS NOW BEING PROTECTED BY THESE OFFICES. THE
18 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
19 OFFICE, JUSTICE INTEGRITY DIVISION IS REFUSING TO INVESTIGATE
20 THIS MATTER. THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS REFUSING TO
21 INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE GRAND JURY IS REFUSING TO
22 INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
23 GENERAL IS REFUSING TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE LOCAL
24 F.B.I. REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE, ACKNOWLEDGE X-RAYS, MEDICAL
25 INFORMATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGE A PATTERN OF PRACTICE OF



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1 CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE L.A. COUNTY
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALL THE ABOVE AGENCIES ARE GETTING PAID
3 OUT OF THE PEOPLE'S PURSE BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, STATE
4 OR ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THESE AGENCIES ARE WORKING FOR THE
5 PEOPLE -- WORKING ON THE PEOPLE'S PAYROLL. THEY'RE GETTING
6 PAID TO INVESTIGATE THESE MATTERS. ALL WHILE THE OFFICE OF
7 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, STEVE KNIGHT AND EVEN MAXINE WATERS ARE
8 LOOKING THE OTHER WAY. AND I'VE DONE EVERYTHING PROFESSIONALLY
9 AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY AND STATE. AND NO ONE, THE BOARD
10 SEEMS TO NOT CARE. I MEAN, WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN TO ME? DO I HAVE
11 TO GET MUGGED OUT LIKE RODNEY KING OR INJURED MORE SERIOUSLY?
12 I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T GET THE HELP, ESPECIALLY
13 NOW WHEN WE'RE IN SUCH A CRISES, BASICALLY THESE AGENCIES ARE
14 DOING THE SAME THING. AND THEY'RE OBLIGATED TO INVESTIGATE
15 THESE TYPES OF MATTERS. AND THEY'RE NOT DOING SO.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. DARDEN. ALL RIGHT. MR.
18 JOHNSON? DO YOU WANT MISS PANG TO GO BEFORE YOU? MISS PANG?
19 PLEASE PROCEED.

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21 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE PANG. I CONCERNED ABOUT UNITED STATES,
22 THE GOVERNMENT NEED TO INVESTIGATION THE ONE RELIGION GOING TO
23 THE PREVENT THE BUSINESS IN APARTMENT HOUSE AND PERSONAL
24 PROPERTY. AND ALSO THE MIGHT WANT US TO FORCE THE YOUNG PERSON
25 OR OTHERS TO DO THE WORLD RELIGION EVEN THOUGH PRETENDING THEY



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1 FORCE THOSE YOUNG PERSON OR THE GOOD CITIZEN OR RESIDENT TO
2 WEAR THE ONE RELIGION APPEARANCE TO JOIN THE ONE RELIGION. MY
3 BROTHERS, THEIR FAMILY AND MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UNDER ATTACK AND
4 HAVE BEEN -- BY THOSE ONE RELIGION. AND ONE RELIGION GOAL. I
5 SUPPORT HOW THE NATION UNITED STATES AND HUMAN BEING FROM
6 DIFFERENT COUNTRY ALSO SUPPORT MY FAMILY. I THINK
7 INVESTIGATIONS ARE NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR MY FAMILY, ALSO FOR
8 THE VICTIMS' FAMILY AND THE NATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL. TO
9 BUILDUP A GOOD NATION -- OUR GOVERNMENT AND ALL THE CITIZENS
10 AND ALL THE HUMAN BEINGS, THE HUMAN BEINGS OF THE NATIONS OF
11 THE INTERNATIONAL. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS PANG. MR. JOHNSON,
14 FOLLOWED BY JOHN WALSH AND ARNOLD SACHS. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR JOHNSON. I SPEAK FOR THE
17 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
18 CULTURAL CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK
19 OBAMA. THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE, MICHELLE OBAMA. MAY GOD
20 CONTINUE TO BLESS PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN HIS EFFORT TO
21 DOING EVERYTHING THAT IS POSITIVE IN THE RIGHT WAY. AS THIS
22 ECONOMIC KEEPS COLLAPSING IN THIS DAY AND TIME, WE SHOULD END
23 CONSTRUCTION FRAUD. WE SHOULD END ECONOMIC RACISM. WE NEED
24 RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND REASON. WE HAVE TOO MANY CHILDREN
25 BORN OUTSIDE OF WEDLOCK. WE HAVE TOO MANY DISCONNECTIONS



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1 BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALES TODAY. WE NEED A FAIR GOVERNMENT. WE
2 NEED A JUST GOVERNMENT. THE POOR THE BACK OF THE CRY, THE BACK
3 OF THE POOR STILL CRYING FOR JUSTICE TODAY, BUT THERE IS NO
4 JUSTICE. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR LEADERS MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR
5 UNETHICAL CONDUCT IN OFFICE. WE NEED TO BRING A BETTER
6 GOVERNMENT TO AMERICA. WE CAN GET TOGETHER UNITED, UNITED WE
7 STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL. WE COULD UNITE TOGETHER AND OVERTHROW
8 THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND BRING A REAL GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD
9 REPRESENT ALL THE PEOPLE THEY ARE SWORN TO RESPECT, TO
10 REPRESENT. WE NEED TO END ECONOMIC -- WE NEED BETTER SCHOOLS.
11 FIRST WE NEED TO -- WE NEED A RELIGION. WE NEED A RELIGION
12 EDUCATION. A PEER RELIGION EDUCATION. PURE PEER RELIGION LEADS
13 TO GOD. WE NEED UNITY. WE NEED UNITY AND LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE
14 THE LEADER AND WE HAVE THE RELIGIOUS BOOK. WE HAVE THE
15 GUIDANCE. WE NEED TO GET TOGETHER, UNITE FOR PROGRESS, UNITE
16 FOR SUCCESS. TOGETHER WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL. WHILE WE'RE
17 IN HERE MAKING THIS COMPREHENSIVE THING ABOUT THIS WHATEVER
18 GOING ON IN L.A., HUMANITY IS WASTING AWAY, OUR VOICES HAVE
19 NOT BEEN HEARD. AND VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD. I'VE WONDERED SO
20 MANY TIMES WHY SO MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN
21 THE GOVERNMENT. WE NEED MORE AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO BE INVOLVED
22 IN OUR GOVERNMENT TODAY AND MAKE MORE BETTER DECISIONS. WE
23 NEED MORE MEN TO BE LEADERS TODAY. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH
24 EVERYTHING TODAY IS LED BY THE FEMALE, AND THAT IS AGAINST OUR
25 CONSTITUTION FOR A FEMALE TO LEAD THE MALES. WE SHOULD GO BACK



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1 TO OUR THREE MAIN DOCUMENTS, OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
2 OUR CONSTITUTION AND OUR BILL OF RIGHTS. MAYBE WE CAN GO IN
3 THE RIGHT DIRECTION BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THIS PRESENT
4 FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS WHAT DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICANS SEEM AS
5 THOUGH POLITICS IS AMERICA FOR SALE, WHO IS THE HIGHEST
6 BIDDER? OUR LEADERSHIP HAVE SOLD OUR COUNTRY OUT. WE NEED A
7 BETTER GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO END CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT.
8 THANKS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. WALSH.

11

12 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING JOHN WALSH, AMERICA'S LEAST
13 WANTED. BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. ONE HALF MILLION
14 VISITORS SINCE SEPTEMBER 3, 2009. WE'RE IN A FRIENDLY RACE
15 WITH ZEV'S WEBSITE TO SEE WHO HITS A MILLION FIRST. WE'RE ONLY
16 ABOUT 495,000 AHEAD OF HIM RIGHT NOW AND GAINING. AND ALSO AT
17 RECALLCITYHALL, ONLY IN L.A., CITY OF L.A.. AND ALSO OUR
18 NEWEST GROUP, ANYBODY BUT JANICE HAHN FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
19 WE HAD SOMEONE BEFORE US WHO SAID THAT HE WAS AN INVENTOR? AND
20 HE HAD CREATED A WAY TO TURN GARBAGE INTO ELECTRICITY. WELL,
21 I'M AN INVENTOR, TOO. AND I HAVE CREATED A WAY TO TURN GARBAGE
22 INTO A NEW L.A. CITY COUNCIL. NOTHING BETTER AS ORIGINAL
23 MATERIAL THAN GARBAGE TO CREATE ANOTHER L.A. CITY COUNCIL. I'D
24 LIKE TO SAY THAT BEFORE, LAST TIME I WAS HERE, LAST WEEK,
25 OBAMAGATE, HECKLER GATE, A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT



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1 EMBARRASSED THE PRESIDENT, THEY GOT IN WITH A VAST AMOUNT OF
2 SECURITY LAPSES, THE STORY'S BEEN KEPT QUIET. COME TO MY
3 WEBSITE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. WE PUT UP A POST UP THERE
4 NAMING THE GROUP THAT HECKLED OBAMA. AND ALSO ASKING WHETHER
5 OBAMA USED A GAY SLUR, WHICH I WILL NOT REPEAT, TO DESCRIBE
6 THE GROUP OF HECKLERS WHEN HE WAS TALKING TO BARBARA BOXER,
7 WHO ALLOWED THE HECKLERS IN THERE. AND THERE WAS NOT PROPER
8 SECURITY. IT'S ALL ON THE WEBSITE. RECALLS? WE'RE NOT TALKING
9 ABOUT THE OTHER 88 CITIES OF THE COUNTY. THEY DON'T NEED
10 RECALLS. EVERYTHING'S FINE. WHAT I'D LIKE ALSO ABOUT L.A.,
11 ABOUT COMING HERE IS THE ANTI-NAZI ATMOSPHERE COMPARED TO THE
12 PRO-NAZI ATMOSPHERE WE FIND AT CITY HALL. NOW, I THINK IT'S
13 THE POLICY HERE NOT TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET UP AND SAY "KILL
14 ALL JEWS" AND BRING SWASTIKAS ONTO YOUR PROPERTY. THIS IS NOT
15 A PUBLIC STREET. THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC.
16 OVER AT CITY COUNCIL, THEY JUST LOVE THOSE SEXY MEN WITH THOSE
17 SWASTIKAS. IT'S REALLY SICK. ALSO I LIKE YOUR CONDUCT IN THE
18 BOARDROOM. YOU SAY VIOLENT DISTURBANCES TENDING TO INTERRUPT
19 THE DUE COURSE OF THE MEETING. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. OVER
20 THERE, IF YOU'RE TOO NOISY, THEY THREATEN TO ARREST SOMEONE
21 WHO IS TOO NOISY. THREE OF YOU WERE AT CITY COUNCIL BEFORE,
22 L.A. CITY COUNCIL. YOU'RE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB,
23 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I MIGHT
3 HAVE MENTIONED THIS LAST WEEK, ORANGE COUNTY INVESTMENT
4 ADVISER IS ACCUSED OF FRAUD SCHEME. THIS WAS IN THE L.A. TIMES
5 ON 4/16. THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION COMMISSION
6 SAID THURSDAY THAT IN A TEMPORARY HALT OF THE OPERATIONS OF AN
7 ORANGE COUNTY INVESTMENT ADVISER IT HAS ACCUSED OF RUNNING A
8 FRAUDULENT INVESTMENT SCHEME. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES
9 FROZE THE ASSETS OF RICHARD H. NICHOLS OF DANA POINT AND HIS
10 THREE SANTA ANA COMPANIES, ACCESS SERVICES, ACCESS SERVICES
11 INCORPORATED AND ISLAND TRADE. IT WASN'T ACCESS SERVICES AND
12 ACCESS SERVICES INC., BUT IT WAS INNOVATIVE ADVISORY SERVICES
13 AND INNOVATIVE ADVISORY SERVICES INC. ALMOST A TEMPLATE FOR
14 ACCESS SERVICES AND ACCESS SERVICES INC. BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE
15 A SCHEME, WOULD IT? NOW, I'D LIKE TO JUST GO ON ALSO. THIS
16 PAST MEETING AT THE M.T.A. BOARD, THERE WAS A NEWSLETTER PUT
17 OUT BY THE TRANSIT COALITION. AND IN THIS NEWSLETTER, IT
18 LAUDED THE M.T.A. BOARD FOR PASSING FUNDING FOR THE --
19 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION GOLD LINE AUTHORITY.
20 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION GOLD LINE AUTHORITY.
21 THE L.A. TIMES, WHEN THEY WROTE ABOUT IT, SAID THE THURSDAY --
22 THIS IS ON 3/26, SAID "WITH THE THURSDAY VOTE, \$690 MILLION IN
23 REVENUE FROM MEASURE R WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOLD LINE
24 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. COUNTY VOTERS APPROVED THE MEASURE IN
25 2008." I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT THEY SAY. ONE IS THE L.A.



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1 TIMES, THE OTHER IS A PRIVATE COMPANY, CORPORATION. THEY CAN
2 PRETTY MUCH WRITE WHAT THEY WANT. BUT WHEN I SEE IN THE
3 NEWSPAPER THAT METRO IS ADVERTISING IN THE L.A. TIMES AND IN
4 THE DOWNTOWN NEWS CONNECTER THAT THE 11.4-MILE RAIL LINE
5 BETWEEN PASADENA AND AZUSA IS GETTING \$810 MILLION FOR THE
6 METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, I'M
7 UPSET. BECAUSE THIS IS PUBLIC MONEY THAT YOU'RE USING TO PAY
8 FOR THESE ADVERTISEMENTS. AND THIS IS NOT THE ACTION THAT WAS
9 TAKEN AT THE METRO BOARD. THE METRO BOARD SPECIFICALLY TOLD
10 THE METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY: GET THE MONEY.
11 MISS MOLINA EVEN INTRODUCED A MOTION REGARDING THE METRO BLUE
12 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. NOW, I KNOW IN COUNTY SUPERVISOR
13 AND M.T.A. LAND THAT THE GOLD LINE AND THE BLUE LINE ARE THE
14 SAME. SO IF THEY'RE THE SAME, ACT THE SAME. YOU'RE SPENDING
15 PUBLIC MONEY AND YOU'RE LYING TO THE PUBLIC. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS
16 THAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU SAID YOU HAVE TO HAVE
17 RESPONSIBILITY. IF THEY'RE THE SAME, BE THE SAME. SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU MENTIONED A ZEBRA. THIS ISN'T A ZEBRA, THIS
19 ISN'T A HORSE, THIS IS MORE FIT FOR A JACKASS. THERE'S
20 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY. YOU WANT TO RAISE THE FARES OF THE
21 PUBLIC, AND YET YOU ALLOW THIS KIND OF --

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. ALL RIGHT. THAT
24 CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE OUR BOARD. WE WILL BE READ
25 INTO CLOSED SESSION.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
4 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
5 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM NO.
6 CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
7 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MAY 4TH, 2010 MEETING IS CANCELED TO
9 ALLOW THE BOARD TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH FEDERAL ELECTED
10 AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS BEGINNING MAY 5, 2010, IN WASHINGTON,
11 D.C. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
12 BE TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 27, 2010**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Anthony

7 Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, United States District Court

8 Case No. CV 99-03455.

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10 This litigation arises from allegations of civil rights

11 violations by employees of the Sheriff s Department. (10-0944)

12 The Board made the findings required by Government Code

13 section 825 and authorized the payment of punitive damages and

14 related fees on behalf of Deputy Ryan Bergner and Retired

15 Sheriff Sergeant Gilbert Duron. The Board did not authorize

16 payment of punitive damages or the related fees on behalf of

17 former Deputy Gabriel Gonzalez.

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19 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

20 present.

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22 No reportable action was taken on item CS-2.

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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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